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Valley Weekend

Find out how Mid-Mon Valley residents spent their weekend.

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Humiliation suit settled

A former Elizabeth Forward principal called Katlyn White a thief and a liar.

By BRIAN BOWLING
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FORWARD TOWNSHIP – The Elizabeth Forward School District has agreed to pay $52,500 to settle a lawsuit brought by the parents of a former third-grade West Penn Elementary student who was humiliated by the principal.

A student claimed on Sept. 22, 2005, that Katlyn White stole $5 from him while they were riding the school bus.

After hearing the accusation, former Principal Marlene Whitby grabbed White by the hand and took her from classroom to classroom telling the students that White was a thief and liar.

The lawsuit, filed by Ryan and Jennifer White, of Monongahela, indicated the principal slapped White when she started crying.

The Whites claimed in the lawsuit that Whitby failed to investigate the other student's accusations before humiliating their daughter.

At a school board meeting in 2005, Ryan White said Whitby didn't talk with the bus driver about the incident or review the video on the bus. The other student later recanted his story.

The case outraged parents who said the district failed to adequately discipline the principal. Whitby was ordered to make a public apology and was suspended for three days with pay. She later resigned.

At a school board meeting after Whitby left her $88,709 job, Ryan White said the former principal took the cowardly way out.

Parents at a Nov. 9, 2005, board meeting said Whitby's apology was so strangely worded that none of the students understood what she was saying.

Alan Perer, the Whites' attorney, said he was pleased with the settlement, but was barred from talking about it.

According to court documents, $17,500 of the settlement goes to Perer, while the remaining $35,000 will be placed in an interest-bearing account for the girl until her 18th birthday.

A district spokeswoman had no comment on the settlement.

N. Illinois gunman did not fit mold

Police said Kazmierczak became erratic recently after discontinuing medication.

By DEANNA BELLANDI
Associated Press Writer

DEKALB, Ill. – If there is such a thing as a profile of a mass murderer, Steven Kazmierczak didn't fit it: outstanding student, engaging, polite and industrious, with what looked like a bright future in the criminal justice field.

Kazmierczak

And yet on Thursday, the 27-year-old Kazmierczak, armed with three handguns and a brand-new pump-action shotgun he had carried onto campus in a guitar case, stepped from behind a screen on the stage of a lecture hall at Northern Illinois University and opened fire on a geology class. He killed five students before committing suicide.

University Police Chief Donald Grady said, without giving details, that Kazmierczak had become erratic in the past two weeks after he had stopped taking his medication.

But that seemed to come as news to many of those who knew him, and the attack itself was positively baffling.

"We had no indications at all this would be the type of person that would engage in such activity," Grady said.

He described the gunman as a good student during his time at NIU, and by all accounts a "fairly normal" person.

Exactly what set Kazmierczak off – and why he picked his former university and that particular lecture hall – remained a mystery. Police said they found no suicide note.

Authorities were searching for a woman who police believe might have been Kazmierczak's girlfriend. According to a law enforcement official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the case is still under investigation, authorities were looking into whether Kazmierczak and the woman recently broke up.

Investigators learned that a week ago, on Feb. 9, Kazmierczak walked into a Champaign, gun store and picked up two guns – the Remington shotgun and a Glock 9mm handgun. He bought the two other handguns at the same shop – a Hi-Point .380 on Dec. 30 and a Sig Sauer on Aug. 6.

All four guns were bought legally from a federally licensed firearms dealer, said Thomas Ahern, an agency spokesman. At least one criminal background check was performed. Kazmierczak (pronounced kaz-MUR-chek) had no criminal record.

Kazmierczak had a state police-issued FOID, or firearms owners identification card, which is required in Illinois to own a gun,

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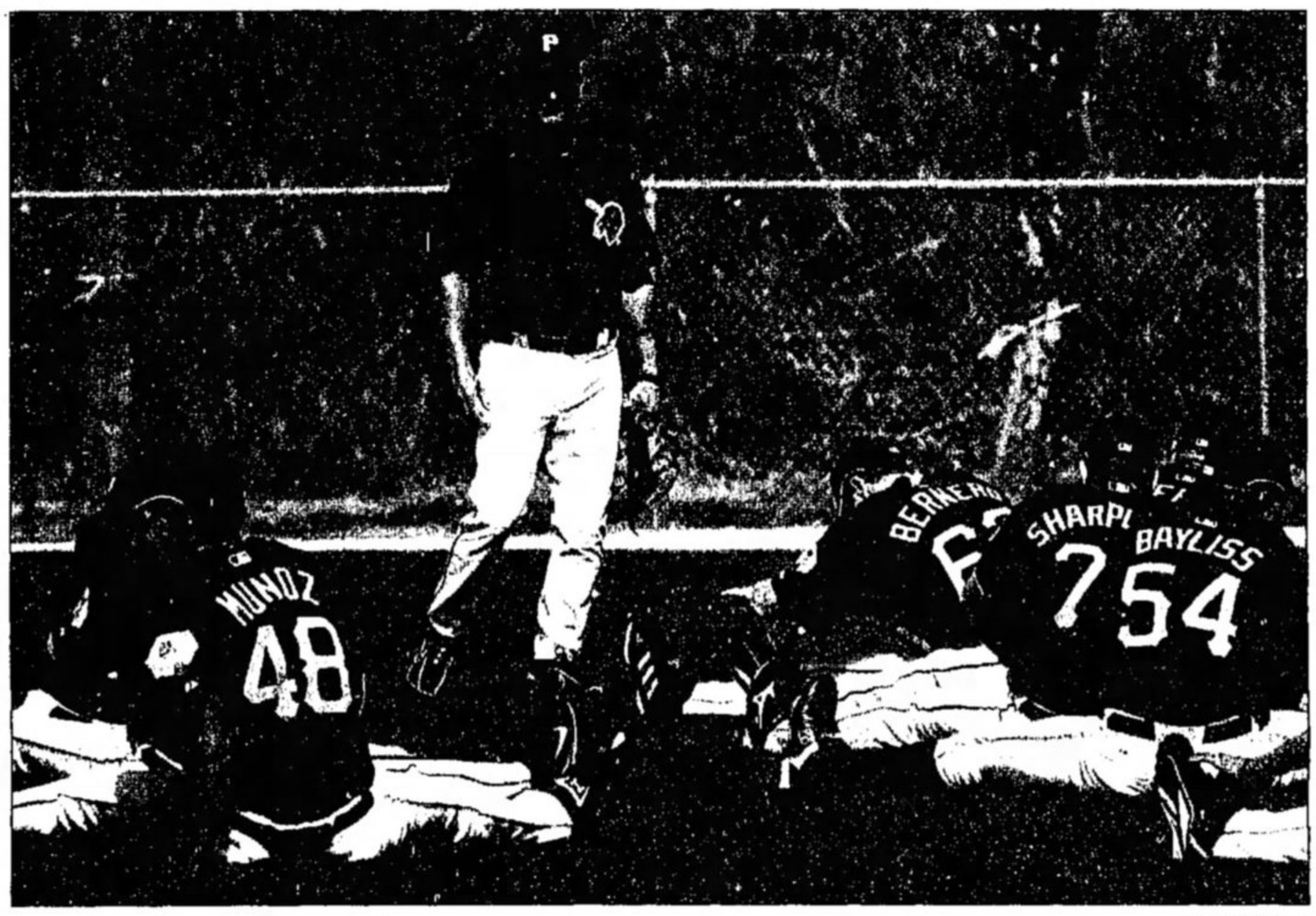
RUSSELL TAKES HELM OF PIRATE SHIP



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New Pittsburgh Pirates manager John Russell, center, walks among his players during their first practice at spring training camp Friday in Bradenton, Fla.

Iraq PM: Al-Qaida on run

Officials believe the terrorist organization has reorganized in Nineveh.

By KIM GAMEL
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD – Iraq's prime minister said Friday that U.S. and Iraqi troops have chased al-Qaida in Iraq out of Baghdad in the year since a security crackdown began, and he promised to pursue insurgents who have fled northward.

Underscoring the rising violence in northern Iraq, a double suicide bombing targeted Shiite worshippers as they left weekly prayer services in the city of Tal Afar, killing at least four people and wounding 17, officials said.

Police said guards at the Juwad mosque prevented a worse casualty toll by opening fire on the two attackers, one of whom was an elderly man, before they could reach the bulk of worshippers emerging from the building.

Associated Press

American soldiers arrest a suspected al-Qaida member Friday in the predominantly Sunni neighborhood of Adhamiyah in Baghdad, Iraq.

In remarks broadcast on state television, Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki hailed what he called a "victory in Baghdad" and thanked the U.S. military and its allies for "standing with us in

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Progress council tackles drug problem

The next step will be to form a committee of agency members and business leaders.

By CHRIS BUCKLEY
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The Mon Valley Progress Council took the first step in its initiative on drug abuse in the workplace this week.

In questionnaires sent Monday to 175 businesses, the progress council asked for feedback on how drug abuse affects hiring and other work place issues.

Progress Council Executive Director Joe Kirk said the questionnaires went to nonretail businesses, including banks, manufacturers and other large companies in the Valley.

During its quarterly meeting last month, the drug initiative was among those the progress council executive board outlined for 2008.

The completed questionnaires are due back to the council by month's end.

A committee will be formed that includes progress council members and business leaders who indicate on the form that they wish to be included.

"The committee's task will be to come up with effective local strategies to address the drug problem as it relates to the work place," Kirk said.

Kirk said companies screening potential applicants for jobs are finding the drug problem increasing, not decreasing.

He said the survey will attempt to determine the significance of the problem. The initiative will send a message to the business community that the organization is serious about fighting drugs in the workplace.

"Companies that are interested in moving into the area may view that as a positive for our area," Kirk said.

"Economic development does not happen without a workforce and its important for the workforce to realize that drugs cannot exist in the work place."

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defeating terrorism."

"Today our forces are locked in battle against outlaws in Nineveh and we are chasing them," he added, referring to the northwestern province where Iraqi officials say al-Qaida in Iraq has regrouped. Tal Afar is in Nineveh province.

The Shiite leader has promised a "decisive battle" in that region, although U.S. commanders have said it will be more a protracted fight.

The Bush administration launched its so-called surge to clear Baghdad and surrounding areas on Feb. 14, 2007, with the 82nd Airborne Division as the vanguard of an American troop buildup that climbed to 30,000 extra U.S. soldiers by the summer.

After a sharp initial spike in military and civilian casualties, violence has declined sharply, particularly in Baghdad. Still, U.S. military commanders have been cautious in describing the successes and say al-Qaida remains a serious threat.

"We should keep our hands on our weapons to maintain the victories," al-Maliki said. "Therefore we shouldn't lose focus or the enemy might regroup."

A senior aide to Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, Iraq's senior Shiite spiritual leader, said the government should "be careful" as it negotiates a long-term security agreement with the Americans that is aimed at replacing the current U.N. mandate for foreign troops in Iraq.

The agreement "should secure the interests of the Iraqi people and not the opposite, because the coming generations will be committed to it," Sheik Abdul-Mahdi al-Karbalaie said during Friday prayers in Karbala.

Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari has said the first round of talks on the agreement would begin Feb. 27, although the U.S. Embassy says no date has been confirmed.

David Satterfield, senior adviser to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, insisted negotiators would not seek a permanent U.S. military presence in Iraq.

Turning to violence in Iraq, Satterfield said that attacks using armor-piercing roadside bombs that the U.S. says come from Iran have "increased significantly" this year and that Tehran continues to train, equip and support Shiite extremists who attack U.S. troops in Iraq.

"We very much believe that Iran wishes to see the forced departure of foreign forces – particularly U.S. forces – in the most humiliating and devastating manner possible," he said.

Bombings and rocket and mortar attacks attributed to Shiite militia "are not only continuing, they have significantly increased over the past six weeks," he said.

He singled out attacks on U.S. and British bases in oil-rich southern Iraq, particularly the city of Basra, where Shiite factions are engaged in a violent power struggle.

"How do you expect the government of Iraq or the government of the United States to deal with a country which is murdering our people, which is engaged in terrorist activity around the region," he said.

His comments came as U.S. officials have sharpened their rhetoric against Iran in recent weeks, and a day after the announcement that Tehran had postponed planned talks with the U.S. on Iraqi security.

The U.S. military, meanwhile, faced new complaints from Iraqis that civilians and U.S.-allied fighters have been killed at the hands of American forces, following raids north and south of the capital

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Members of Hilltop Fire Department No. 2 are seen in this photo submitted by William T. Shambaugh, of Monessen. In front, from left, are Fuzzy Jackowski, Al Durino, Lou Hubert, Mike Bezuska, unknown, Bill Shambaugh, Steve Popruskky, Clarence Miller and unknown; second row, George Valo, Eric Bienick, Charles Jackowski, Diepelas, Pete Toussaint, Joe Kessler, Ronnie Furio and Tony Orsillo; third row, Dom Rischitelli, Low McAllister, Romeo Furio, Bob Kozar, Junior Frankovick and Jack Snyder; top row, "Tin Can" Prokapovich, Chauncey Feehan, Ed Bartosik, unknown, Eddie Barch and Steve Murin.

Weather

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High 50	High 35	High 28	High 35	High 35
Low 35	Low 20	Low 20	Low 20	Low 25

Pennsylvania loses superdelegate

A union official has changed her voter registration to the District of Columbia.

By The Associated Press

HARRISBURG – Housekeeping changes at the Democratic National Committee have resulted in the reassignment of one of Pennsylvania's superdelegates to the 2008 presidential nominating convention.

Anna Burger, secretary-treasurer of the Service Employees International Union, has switched her voter registration from Pennsylvania to the District of Columbia.

As an at-large member of the national committee, Burger retains her status as a superdelegate but is now counted as part of the D.C. delegation, state party officials said.

That reduces the number of Pennsylvania superdelegates from 30 to 29, and the state's total delegate slots at the August convention in Denver from 188 to 187.

Mary Isenhour, executive director of the state Democratic Party, noted that the Pennsylvania delegation remains one of the largest.

Nationally, there are roughly 800 Democratic superdelegates — elected officials and party leaders chosen outside the primaries and caucuses and not bound to support a particular candidate. Their votes are considered potentially decisive in this year's tight nomination battle between Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York and Barack Obama of Illinois.

Obama has won slightly more delegates in the primaries and caucuses. Clinton holds the advantage among superdelegates who have publicly expressed a preference, although there have been signs in recent days that their support is waning.

On Friday, the 1.9 million-member SEIU endorsed Obama in a fresh sign of his campaign's momentum.

As of Feb. 8, among the 26 Pennsylvania superdelegates named so far, 13 said they supported Clinton, two backed Obama and 10 were undecided. The other one, former Pittsburgh Mayor Sophie Masloff, abandoned her earlier support for Clinton and now says she is uncommitted.

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authorities said. Such cards are rarely issued to those with recent mental health problems. The application asks: "In the past five years have you been a patient in any medical facility or part of any medical facility used primarily for the care or treatment of persons for mental illness?"

Kazmierczak, who went by Steve, graduated from NIU in 2007 and was a graduate student in sociology there before leaving last year and moving on to the graduate school of social work at the University of Illinois in Champaign, 130 miles away.

Unlike Virginia Tech gunman Cho Seung-Hui – a sullen misfit who could barely look anyone in the eye, much less carry on a conversation – Kazmierczak appeared to fit in just fine.

Chris Larrison, an assistant professor of social work, said Kazmierczak did data entry for Larrison's research grant on mental health clinics. Larrison was stunned by the shooting rampage, as was the gunman's faculty adviser, professor Jan Carter-Black.

"He was engaging, motivated, responsible. I saw nothing to suggest that there was anything troubling about his behavior," she said.

Carter-Black said Kazmierczak wanted to focus on mental health issues and enrolled in August in a course she taught about human behavior and the social environment, but withdrew in September because he had gotten a job with the prison system.

He recently left the job and resumed classes full-time in January, Carter-Black said.

His University of Illinois student ID depicts a smiling, clean-cut Kazmierczak, unlike the scowling, menacing-looking images of Cho that surfaced after his rampage.

NIU President John Peters said Kazmierczak compiled "a very good academic record, no record of trouble" at the 25,000-student campus in DeKalb. He won at least two awards and served as an officer in two student groups dedicated to promoting understanding of the criminal justice system.

Exactly what sort of career he planned for himself was unclear. But he wrote papers on self-injury in prison and the role of religion in the creation of early U.S. prisons. The research paper on self-injury in prison said his interests also included political violence and peace and social justice.

Speaking Friday in Lakeland, Fla., Kazmierczak's distraught father did not immediately provide any clues to what led to the bloodshed.

"Please leave me alone. ... This is a very hard time for me," Robert Kazmierczak told reporters, throwing his arms up and weeping after emerging briefly from his house. He declined further comment about his son and went back inside his house, saying he was diabetic. A sign on the front door said: "Illini fans live here."

Neighbors in the brick apartment building in Champaign where Kazmierczak last lived were shocked to hear he was the gunman.

"It's not possible," said Maurice Darling, 80, who lives in an adjacent second-floor apartment. "He seemed to be much too nice."

He said the tall, thin and bespectacled Kazmierczak shared the apartment with a woman and neither showed any sign of anger or aggression.

"They were friendly, agreeable – just like any neighbor would be," she said.

Chelsea Thrash, a 25-year-old waitress who lives with her 3-year-old daughter in the apartment directly beneath Kazmierczak's, said he was always up late and there was frequently a lot of "trampling" noise coming through the hardwood floor.

She went up and knocked on the door once recently at 1 a.m. or 2 a.m. to request quiet and he said through the closed door, "Oh, I'm sorry – I dropped my weight."

"It's kind of creepy," she said. "I never thought someone in this tiny corner of southwest Champaign would ever dream of that, let alone carry it out, and have that above me and my daughter."

Kazmierczak grew up in the Chicago suburb of Elk Grove Village, not far from O'Hare Airport. His family lived most recently in a middle-class neighborhood of mostly one-story tract homes before moving away early in this decade. His mother died in Florida in 2006 at age 58.

He was a B student at Elk Grove High School, where school district spokeswoman Venetia Miles said he was active in band and took Japanese before graduating in 1998. He was also in the chess club.

At NIU, six white crosses were placed on a snow-covered hill around the center of campus, which was closed Friday. They included the names of four victims – Daniel Parnmenter, Ryanne Mace, Julianna Gehant, Catalina Garcia. The two other crosses were blank, though officials have identified Kazmierczak's final victim as Gayle Dubowski.

Allyse Jerome, 19, a sophomore from Schaumburg, recalled how the gunman, dressed in black and a stocking cap, burst through a stage door in 200-seat Cole Hall just before class was about to let out. He squeezed off more than 50 shots as screaming students ran and crawled for cover.

"Honestly, at first everyone thought it was a joke," Jerome said. Everyone hit the floor, she said. Then she got up and ran, but tripped. She said she felt like "an open target."

"He could've decided to get me," Jerome said. "I thought for sure he was going to get me."

Valley briefs

Federal offices closed Monday

Federal offices will be closed Monday for President's Day.

Swords' owner sought by police

State police in Fayette County are keeping their noses to the "grindstone" in hopes of finding the owners of a collection of Samurai swords.

Police say two children found nine swords in a ballfield in the county's Grindstone area.

Police say several of the swords are Samurai in design, while at least one appears to be a medieval style.

The children who found the swords took them home and their parents called police.

State police at Belle Vernon Barracks say anyone who has information about the swords or wants to claim them should call (724) 929-6262.

Falsely jailed man loses police suit

A Westmoreland County man who was jailed for 45 days on false child-luring charges has lost a federal lawsuit he filed for wrongful arrest.

John Kopczak, 65, said he lost his job, home and marriage as a result of the botched Scottdale police investigation.

His attorney plans to refile the suit in state court, after a federal judge in Pittsburgh dismissed it Thursday.

The judge said police acted properly in accepting the stories of three girls who later admitted lying about the alleged luring attempts in October 2004.

Kopczak told police he was working at the time.

Police charged him after noting his timesheet was handwritten and could have been altered and because he performed poorly on a voice-stress test.

Sentence imposed

PITTSBURGH (AP) – The friend of a former South Fayette Township patrolman who received nearly nine pounds of cocaine in a Federal Express package has been sentenced to 57 months in federal prison.

Michael Monz, 28, of Pittsburgh, was sentenced Friday. He and 28-year-old Bernard Golling had previously pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to conspiring to sell the drugs.

Golling resigned as an officer after the men were arrested in July.

Golling will be sentenced May 23. Golling faces more time than Monz because Golling was in uniform when he picked up the package and therefore carrying his gun during the drug crime.

Monz's attorney said he has a drug problem fueled by a bad upbringing that included frequenting bars with his father, a convicted criminal, as early as age 5.

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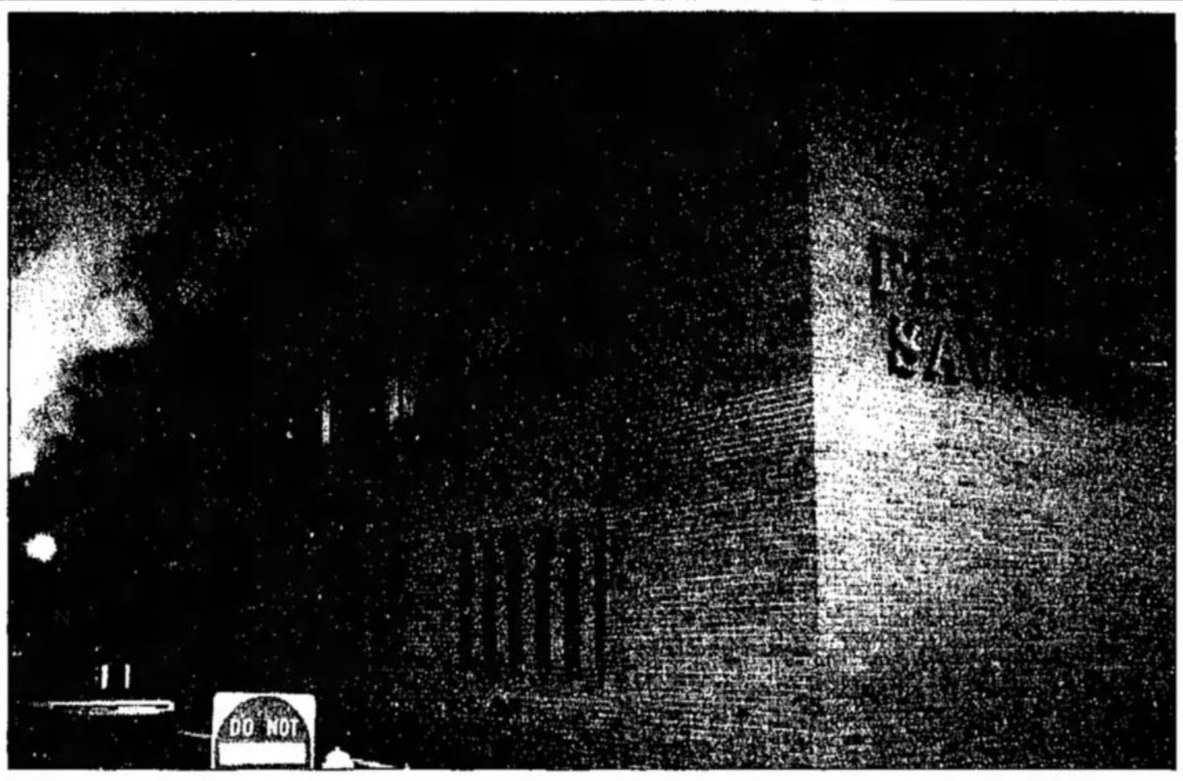

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The parent company of First Federal Savings in Monessen took a hit on two multi-family commercial mortgages that went sour. In general, smaller Mon Valley banks fared better than their massive counterparts.

Smaller Valley banks avoid subprime crush

The area institutions are still seeking credit-worthy customers.

By THOMAS OLSON
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Some local community banks, not just larger ones, have sustained financial wounds from mortgage problems sweeping through the home lending industry.

But the financial damage won't limit continued mortgage lending in the Pittsburgh market, local bankers say.

Several banks reported higher expenses for bad mortgage loans or to write down the value of mortgage-backed securities in their year-end 2007 and fourth-quarter results.

Profits were reduced when some banks added reserves to cover loans that could yet go sour.

FedFirst Financial Corp., Monessen, reported an annual loss of about $1.9 million because it set aside $1.1 million for loan-loss reserves.

The parent of First Federal Savings Bank of Monessen charged off $528,000 mainly related to two multi-family commercial mortgages that went sour.

They were part of a loan package the bank bought in 2003 on properties outside western Pennsylvania, said CEO John Robinson. The bank has nine branches in Westmoreland, Fayette and Washington counties.

"The numbers are ugly. But this is a bank we are turning around and investing in," Robinson said. "I don't see, as a smaller bank, how credit can be turned on and off. We want to make loans to good, credit-worthy customers. So we're still out trying to get business."

Locally, other small financial institutions are faring better.

Charleroi Federal Savings Bank does not offer subprime loans, said Neil Bassi, bank president. As a result, Bassi said, Charleroi Federal reported annual gains in both mortgages and deposits.

"There's no question our country is going through difficult times with home owners trying to make their monthly mortgage payments," Bassi said.

Likewise, Valley First Federal Credit Union posted an annual gain of nearly $500,000 despite write offs of close to $200,000 on mortgages, car loans and credit card losses.

"We're willing to take chances on more of these members than others and that's where it gets us," said Jim Ritter, bank manager.

Ritter said divorce, not job loss, is the biggest reason for mortgage foreclosures. When people lose their jobs, the credit union is willing to work with them, even remortgaging to help them keep their homes. But in a divorce, the bills often are not paid and the home might be poorly maintained.

The area also is affected by stagnant property values, Ritter said. Customers in good standing who want to remortgage to make significant improvements to their homes may be upset that, for example, $20,000 in improvements does not mean the property will increase in value by $20,000.

Despite mortgage issues nationwide, Valley First has repeatedly reported annual gains.

"Financially speaking, the credit union is in good shape," Ritter said.

Fidelity Bancorp Inc., West View, took a charge of $244,000 in the fourth-quarter to write down the value of adjustable-rate, mortgage-backed securities.

But the expense is not deterring Fidelity Bank from writing home loans, said CEO Richard Spencer. Fidelity has 13 branches in Allegheny and Butler counties.

The bank has tightened credit for commercial mortgages, Spencer said, "but not for residential mortgages. We have never been a subprime lender or offered any exotic mortgages."

Consumers and banks in the Pittsburgh area are not suffering nearly as much as other parts of the nation, said Bob Wagner, senior vice president and bank-stock specialist at the Mt. Lebanon office of Ferris Baker Watts, a securities brokerage and investment bank. He cited areas such as coastal Florida, Southern California, Las Vegas and Phoenix.

"You're more likely to see a problem where a bank is buying a loan in the secondary market vs. originating it themselves," said Wagner.

Pittsburgh's biggest banks were hurt more deeply by the housing crisis and subprime loans but not to the multibillion-dollar extent of some of their peers.

National City Corp. wrote down mortgage-backed securities by $200 million in late December and said it would increase loan loss reserves by $700 million. "There are banks in other parts of the country that are hit hard by financing real-estate development and speculation," Wagner said.

"Fortunately, since Pittsburgh didn't experience that boom, our banks are not experiencing those problems, " he said. "We weren't invited to the party, so now, we're not suffering from the hangover."

For that reason, said Wagner, banks in this market are more likely to be dinged by loans they bought, rather than by loans they originated in western Pennsylvania, where real-estate speculation traditionally has been muted.

Staff writer Chris Buckley contributed to this report.

Perryopolis seeks extra liquid fuels money from 2005

Council claims Fayette County did not provide $10,000 as promised.

By JUDY KROEGER
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While Perryopolis likely will not receive $10,000 in county emergency money, Councilman Ron Lombard said he will pursue a $2,500 liquid fuels allocation owed from 2005.

Last month, council President Charles Johnson said Fayette County promised the borough $10,000 in emergency aid in 2005 that was to go to repair a bridge connecting Pope John Paul II Way to Route 51.

At a meeting Wednesday, Lombard said the $10,000 was supposed to go to Perry Township.

"They didn't say anything to us or to the township in 2000 or 2001," he said of county officials.

Council voted to send a letter to all three county commissioners and to the county controller indicating their disappointment in not receiving the $10,000.

Council voted to request $20,000 in liquid fuels for this year, specifying that the money will be used for storm sewers and road repair.

In other business:

- Council agreed to transfer a liquor license for Meidel's II Restaurant on Constitution Street. Owner Rodney Allen said he hopes to open in early March.
- Mayor Tim Smith requested and council approved the promotion of Steve Heragos from patrolman to sergeant. His pay will increase from $10.98 to $12 per hour March 1.
- Borough secretary Colleen Pontoriero announced that Centra Bank has approved a $25,000 tax anticipation loan with a 3.47 percent interest rate.
- Ruth Shields will re-erect the merchant sign on Route 51 knocked down in a vehicle wreck. Coldwell Banker Real Estate will pay for the sign.
- The Perryopolis Area Heritage Society has requested the borough give it $2,000 normally donated to the former nonprofit Perry Area Ambulance Service to improve the road between the bakery and the mill in Washington's Grist Mill Complex. Lombard asked the society to put the request in writing.
- Council approved the following purchases: $10,161.75 for a John Deere mower from Maple Mountain Equipment, Uniontown; $4,200 to M&J Plumbing, Grindstone, for a shower for ambulance employees; and $408 to Tri-County Air Duct Cleaning, Charleroi, to clean the air ducts in the police offices.
- Easter treats for borough children will be provided 2 to 4 p.m. March 16 in the borough building community room.

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DEATH NOTICES

BARAN – Margaret D. Baran, 89, of Fayette City (Gillespie), on Friday, Feb. 15. Leonard J. Parzynski Funeral Home, Belle Vernon.*

COWGER – Joseph P. Cowger, of Donora, on Wednesday, Feb. 13. House of Law, Penn Hills.

FARKAS – Lewis Farkas, 80, of Charleroi, on Friday, Feb. 15. Leonard M. Pavlic Funeral Homes Inc., Charleroi.*

HALL – Roland R. Hall, 85, of Brownsville, on Friday, Feb. 15. Skirpan Funeral Home, Brownsville.*

KING – Asunta J. King, 84, of Donora, on Thursday, Feb. 14. Anthony L Massafra Funeral Home, Donora.*

MOUYARD – Joseph Mouyard, 95, of Donora, on Friday, Feb. 15. Anthony L Massafra Funeral Home, Donora.*

PULGINI – Mary I. Pulgini, 83, of Donora, on Thursday, Feb. 14. Anthony L Massafra Funeral Home, Donora.*

SENKO – Edward Senko, 81, of Donora, on Friday, Feb. 15. James A. Rabe Funeral Home Inc., Donora.*

STRELECKI – Millie J. Strelecki, 76, of Allenport, on Thursday, Feb. 14. Ed Melenyzer Funeral Homes Inc., Roscoe.*

PREVIOUS DEATHS:
AMOROSO – Esther J.*
FIUMELLI, Henry*
SMITH, Charles E.*

Millie J. Strelecki
Allenport

Millie J. Kostich Strelecki, 76, of Allenport, died peacefully on Thursday, February 14, 2008, in the Adult Assisted Living in Dunlevy. She was born June 7, 1931, in Stockdale, a daughter of the late Milija "Mike" Komanko and Danica "Ann" Senovich Kostich. She was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Roscoe and the Ladies Guild. On July 16, 1949, Millie married the late Joseph T. Strelecki in St. Joseph's Church. She was a homemaker, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Millie was well known for her wonderful cooking and baking skills. Her gifts of homemade cookies, cakes and candies were highly prized. She loved bingo and her soaps. Survivors include three children and spouses, Mary and Nick Puskarich, of Houston, Joseph and Bernadette Strelecki, of North Charleroi, and Anthony "Neno" and Roberta "Bertie" Strelecki, of Allenport; five grandchildren, Michele (Kevin) Hartle, Deborah (Steven) Stano, Dawn (Jeff) Nartic, Steven Strelecki, Alexandra Puskarich; six great-grandchildren, Victoria and Kayleigh Horecky, Joseph and Anna Hartle, and Benjamin and Daniel Nartic; one brother, Milan "Ted" Kostich and wife, Joan, of North Irwin; one brother-in-law, Tom Rice; aunts, Alice Ferment, of Fair Oaks, and Helen Senovich, of Imperial; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Strelecki; and one sister, Helen Rice. Friends will be received Saturday, February 16, from 6 to 8 p.m., and Sunday, February 17, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the ED MELENYZER FUNERAL HOMES INC., Roscoe 724-938-9323). A Blessing Service will be held Monday, February 18, at 9:15 a.m. in the funeral home, followed by A Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. in St. Joseph R.C. Church. Interment will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Monongahela. On-line condolences will be accepted at www.melenyzerfuneralhomes.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Esther J. Amoroso
Webster
(Rostraver Township)

Esther J. Amoroso, 76, of Webster (Rostraver Township), died Wednesday, February 13, 2008, in Meadowcrest Nursing Center, Bethel Park. Born in Webster on April 5, 1931, she was the daughter of the late Domenick and Angeline Angela Amoroso. Esther was a member of the former Holy Cross Church in Webster, the Confraternity of Christian Mothers and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three sisters, Mary Evich, Florence Augustine and Theresa Amoroso; and six brothers, Anthony Mattee, John Amoroso, James Amoroso, Joseph Amoroso, Louis Amoroso and Paul Amoroso. She is survived by five nephews, Robert Evich, Terry Mattee, Tom Amoroso, John Augustine and Thomas Mattee; two nieces, Bernadette LaMendola and Jacinta Baldini; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. Friends will be received Sunday, February 17, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township (724-929-7934), www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com, where prayers will be recited on Monday, February 18, at 9:15 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in St. Timothy Church, 722 Pier St., Smithton, with Father Thomas Trupkovich officiating. Interment will follow in West Newton Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Margaret D. Baran
Fayette City
(Gillespie)

Margaret D. Krivda Baran, 89, of Fayette City (Gillespie), died Friday, February 15, 2008, at 1:01 p.m. at Havencrest Nursing Home, Carroll Township, surrounded by her loving children. Born December 25, 1918, in Gillespie, she was the daughter of the late George and Anna Glaisa Krivda. A lifelong resident of Gillespie, Mrs. Baran was a homemaker and a member of Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church in Fayette City and its Christian Mothers and Rosary Society. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Donna Baran, of Belle Vernon; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Dolores "Dee" and Matthew G. Blatnik, of Pittsburgh, Regina and Stephen Angelo, of Belle Vernon, Diane Porter, of Mapleview (Charleroi), and Kathleen and Bruce Solomon, of Belle Vernon; eight grandchildren, Deanne Cunningham, Joseph Blatnik, Kristen Cooney, Tracie Flack, Eric Porter, Jason Solomon, Brian Solomon and Joshua Baran; 10 great-grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul J. Baran, in 1977; three brothers, Joseph Krivda, Frank Krivda and Florian Krivda; three sisters, Anna Pendro, Agnes Bowers and Emily Krivda; one grandson, George Blatnik; and one son-in-law, Glenn Porter. Visitation will be held Sunday, February 17, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the LEONARD J. PARZYNSKI FUNERAL HOME, family owned and operated, 626 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon (724-929-6183). A Prayer Service will be held Monday, February 18, at 11:45 a.m. in the funeral home, followed by a Funeral Mass at 12:30 p.m. in Holy Spirit R.C. Church, Fayette City, with the Rev. Lawrence L. Manchas as celebrant. Interment will take place in Belle Vernon Cemetery. Condolences accepted for the family at the funeral home Web site, www.parzynskifuneralhome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Lewis Farkas
Charleroi

Lewis Farkas, 80, of Charleroi, died Friday, February 15, 2008, at his home. Born in Charleroi on January 8, 1928, he was a son of the late Lotsy and Esther Stephenson Farkas. He was Catholic by faith. Mr. Farkas was retired from the Charleroi Borough Street Department and was self-employed as a mason and bricklayer. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Mr. Farkas was a lifetime member of the Charleroi Archery Club, which he helped to build, and he was the 1954 Archery State Champion. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Mitchell Farkas; two sons, Lewis R. Farkas and fiancee, Kathy Zippay, and Kirk and Caryl Farkas, all of Charleroi; one daughter, Cindy Farkas Sims and fiance, Alan Smith, of Denver, Colo.; three grandchildren, Gavin, Skylar and Dawson Farkas; and two nieces, Dawn and Allison Farkas. He was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Farkas. Visitation will be held Sunday, February 17, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the LEONARD M. PAVLIC FUNERAL HOMES INC., 235 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi. A Blessing Service will be held in the funeral home on Monday, February 18 at 11 a.m. Interment will be in Charleroi Cemetery at a later date.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Henry Fiumelli
Harrisburg
Formerly of
Monongahela

Henry R. Fiumelli, 61, of Harrisburg, formerly of Monongahela, passed away Friday, February 15, 2008. Visitation will be held Sunday, February 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. and Monday, February 18, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the MARSHALL MARRA FUNERAL HOME, 216 Chess St., Monongahela (724-258-6767). A complete obituary will be announced in Monday's edition.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Roland R. Hall
Brownsville

Roland R. Hall, 85, of Brownsville, Pa., died Friday, February 15, 2008, in Monongahela Valley Hospital. He was born April 6, 1922, in Coal Center, Pa., a son of the late Robert and Ella Craven Hall. Roland was a member, Elder, and Trustee of The Coal Center Presbyterian Church. He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the United States Army 83rd Division Company K 329th Infantry Regiment. He earned a Bronze Star during the Normandy Campaign, and he was a member of California American Legion Post No. 377. He was predeceased by two brothers, Raymond and Robert Hall. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Loretta Ann Giannetti Hall; two children, Bruce Allen Hall, of Brownsville, and Patricia Marie Hall Mobberly and husband, Mark, of North Olmsted, Ohio; one sister, Garnet Barli, of Coal Center; and several nieces and nephews. Friends will be received in the SKIRPAN FUNERAL HOME, 135 Park St., Brownsville, on Sunday and Monday, February 17 and 18, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m., and Tuesday, February 19, where a funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. with Dr. Harry Langley officiating. Interment will follow in LaFayette Memorial Park, Brier Hill, where Full Military Rites will be accorded by California American Legion Post No. 377.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Asunta J. King
Donora

Asunta J. "Sue" King, 84, of Donora, Pa., passed away Thursday, February 14, 2008, in Monongahela Valley Hospital, Carroll Township. Mrs. King was born in Donora on July 24, 1923, the daughter of the late Bernardo and Liberata Cavecchio DiSanza. She was a member of Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Donora and the Sons of Italy Ladies Lodge. Sue graduated from Donora High School with the Class of 1942. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Mike, Andrew and Victor DiSanza; and two sisters, Esther Clementi and Connie Guerra. Survivors include her husband of 60 years, Richard W. King Sr.; three daughters, Linda Dolfi, of Camp Hill, Pa., Marylou (Gordon) Fine, of Eighty Four, Pa.; and Kathy Imbrescia, of Monessen, Pa.; one son, Richard W. King Jr., of Virginia; six grandchildren, Clayton Campa, Gib Szakal Jr., Kory Imbrescia, Kyle Imbrescia, Melissa Dolfi and Jessica Dolfi; and two great-grandchildren, Isabella Szakal and Ali Campa. Friends will be received Sunday, February 17, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the ANTHONY L. MASSAFRA FUNERAL HOME, 40 Second St. Ext., Donora (724-379-6900), where prayers will be recited on Monday, February 18, at 10 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of the Valley Parish, St. Philip Neri Church, Donora, at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Michael Yaksick as celebrant. Interment will follow in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora. The Rosary will be recited on Sunday at 2 p.m. in the funeral home by the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Joseph Mouyard
Donora

Joseph Mouyard, 95, of Donora, passed away Friday, February 15, 2008, in The Residence at Hilltop. He was born in Charleroi on October 6, 1912, the son of the late Arthur and Ellen Sheilds Mouyard. He retired after many as the Washington County Clerk of Courts. Joe was a member of Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Donora and its Holy Name Society. He was a member and past commander of the former Catholic War Veterans, and he served his community on the Donora Borough Council. Joe also belonged to the American Legion, the VFW, was a past president of the Donora Lions Club and the Donora Elks Club. He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Army Air Corps. Joe received the Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge and the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal with eight Bronze Stars. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Jean Rongaus Mouyard; a brother, Arthur Mouyard; and a sister, Madonna MacDonald. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Madonna and David A. Stoioff, of Northbrook, Ill.; a grandson, Lucas Stoioff, of Chicago, Ill.; two brothers and one sister-in-law, James Mouyard, of Charleroi, and Daniel and Betty Mouyard, of Dunlevy; three sisters, Sarah Deicas, of Charleroi, Helen Norelli, of Rostraver Township, and Patricia Mouyard, of Charleroi; and many nieces and nephews. Friends will be received Monday, February 18, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the ANTHONY L. MASSAFRA FUNERAL HOME, 40 Second St. Ext., Donora (724-379-6900), where prayers will be recited on Tuesday, February 19, at 11:30 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of the Valley parish, St. Philip Neri Church, Donora, at noon with the Rev. Michael Yaksick as celebrant. Interment will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Carroll Township.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Mary I. Pulgini
Donora

Mary I. Pulgini, 83, of Donora, passed away Thursday, February 14, 2008, at her residence. She was born in Roccapia, Italy, on March 29, 1924, a daughter of the late Giuseppe and Filomena Bonepartius Cipicchio. Mrs. Pulgini was a member of Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Donora and the Sons of Italy Ladies Lodge. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur N. Pulgini; and a sister, Celestina G. DiBiasi. Survivors include one daughter and two sons, Palma Pulgini and Arthur and Anthony Pulgini, all of Donora; one brother, Dominick Cipicchio, of McKeesport; and several nieces and nephews. Friends will be received Sunday, February 17, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the ANTHONY L. MASSAFRA FUNERAL HOME, 40 Second St. Ext., Donora (724-379-6900), where prayers will be recited on Monday, February 18, at 12:30 p.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of the Valley Parish, St. Philip Neri Church, Donora, at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Michael Yaksick as celebrant. Interment will follow in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Edward Senko
Donora

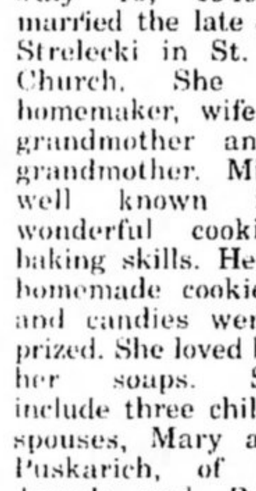
Edward Senko, 81, of Donora, Pa., died Friday, February 15, 2008, in Havencrest Nursing Center. He was born in Donora on June 15, 1926, a son of the late Stephen and Theresa Lewisky Senko. He was retired from USX Corp., having worked in the U.S. Steel Building in Pittsburgh as an inside salesman. Mr. Senko was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, a graduate of Donora High School, a member of St. Michael the Archangel Byzantine Catholic Church in Donora, Bishop Elko Council No. 1941 Knights of Columbus, BPOE Lodge No. 1265 of Donora, and the Senior Golf League. He was preceded in death by one son, Larry J. Senko. Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Margaret A. Moravec Senko; one son, Edward S. Senko, of Mt. Pleasant, Pa.; three grandsons, Stephen L., Ryan M. and Tyler J Senko; one brother, John (Patricia) Senko, of Fayette City; and nieces and nephews. Friends will be received Sunday, February 17, from 7 to 9 p.m., and Monday, February 18, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the JAMES A. RABE FUNERAL HOME INC., 701 Thompson Ave., Donora (724-379-9020), where prayers will be said on Tuesday, February 19, at 9:30 a.m., followed by funeral services at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church with the Rev. Stephen J. Wahal as celebrant. Interment will follow in St Michael's Cemetery, Donora. Elks services will be held Sunday at 7:30 p.m. On Monday, a Parastas Service will be held at 2:30 p.m., followed by the Rosary at 3 p.m., and the Knights of Columbus Council 1941 will hold services at 7 p.m. Family and friends may view the obituary and offer on-line condolences at www.rabefuneralhome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Charles E. Smith
Oak Grove, Mo.
Formerly of Mon Valley area

Charles E. Smith, 94, of Oak Grove, Mo., formerly of the Mon Valley area, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, February 13, 2008. He was born June 16, 1913, in Coal Valley, Pa., a son of the late Isaac and Bertha Ashton Smith. He was an evangelist with the Church of Jesus Christ, a former millwright with U.S. Steel, and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Ilene Smith; a brother and two sisters, Isaac D. Smith and Helen Smith, both of Arizona, and Grace Curry, of Clairton; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, George and Joseph Smith and Howard and Arnold Ackerman; and five sisters, Mary Ward, Ruth Carr, Lillian Walters, Ruth Ackerman and Dorothy Curry. Friends will be received Sunday, February 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the ED MELENYZER FUNERAL HOMES INC., Roscoe, and Monday, February 18, from 10 to 11 a.m., the time of funeral services in the Church of Jesus Christ, Roscoe. Entombment will be in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.



In Loving Memory of
Carol L. Hewitt

In Loving Memory of our beloved Wife and Mother who passed away one year ago today February 16, 2007
Forever with Jesus and
Forever in our hearts.
Love your husband Chuck,
Sons and Families.

In Memory Of
Stefan Bewszka, Sr.
In loving memory of our beloved father, Stefan Bewszka, Sr., who passed away 24 years ago today, February 16, 1984.
There is magic in a father's touch, and sunshine in his smile. There's love in everything he does to make our lives worthwhile. We can find both hope and courage just by looking in his eyes. His laughter is a source of joy. His words are warm and wise. There is a kindness and compassion to be found in his embrace, and we see the light of Heaven shinning from a father's face.
Sadly missed and loved by
Children & Grandchildren

In Memory of
Edward R. Plavko, Sr.
In loving memory of
our beloved
Husband and Father,
Edward R. Plavko, Sr.
who passed away 18 years ago
today, February 16, 1990.
Today recalls sad memories
of our dear one gone to rest,
and the ones who think
of you today,
are the ones who love you best.
Sadly missed and loved by
wife Lillian, children Ed, Jr., Carol, Michael and Jim.

NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

FEBRUARY 16

Today is Saturday, Feb. 16, the 47th day of 2008. There are 319 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Feb. 16, 1862, during the Civil War, some 14,000 Confederate soldiers surrendered at Fort Donelson, Tenn. (Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's victory earned him the nickname "Unconditional Surrender Grant.")

On this date:

■ In 1804, Lt. Stephen Decatur led a successful raid into Tripoli Harbor to burn the U.S. Navy frigate Philadelphia, which had fallen into the hands of pirates.

■ In 1868, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was organized in New York City.

■ In 1918, Lithuania proclaimed its independence, which lasted until World War II (it again declared independence in 1990).

■ In 1923, the burial chamber of King Tutankhamen's recently unearthed tomb was unsealed in Egypt by English archaeologist Howard Carter.

■ In 1945, American troops landed on the island of Corregidor in the Philippines during World War II.

■ In 1959, Fidel Castro became premier of Cuba after the overthrow of Fulgencio Batista.

■ In 1968, the nation's first 911 emergency telephone system was inaugurated, in Haleyville, Ala.

■ In 1977, Janani Luwum, the Anglican archbishop of Uganda, and two other men were killed in what Ugandan authorities said was a traffic accident.

■ In 1988, seven people were shot to death during an office rampage in Sunnyvale, Calif., by a man who was obsessed with a co-worker. (The gunman, Richard Farley, is under sentence of death.)

■ In 1996, 11 people were killed in a fiery collision between an Amtrak passenger train and a Maryland commuter train in Silver Spring, Md.

■ **Ten years ago**: A China Airlines Airbus A300-600R trying to land in fog near Taipei, Taiwan, crashed, killing all 196 people on board and six people on the ground.

■ **Five years ago**: More than 100,000 people demonstrated in the streets of San Francisco to protest a possible U.S. invasion of Iraq.

■ **One year ago**: The Democratic-controlled House issued a symbolic rejection of President Bush's decision to deploy more troops to Iraq, approving the nonbinding resolution by a vote of 246-182.

Associated Press

A Category I mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicle, is driven on a test course during a media demonstration at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland.

Study: Lack of MRAPs in Iraq led to Marine deaths

Bureaucrats blamed for ignoring urgent request in 2005.

By RICHARD LARDNER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Hundreds of U.S. Marines have been killed or injured by roadside bombs in Iraq because Marine Corps bureaucrats refused an urgent request in 2005 from battlefield commanders for blast-resistant vehicles, an internal military study concludes.

The study, written by a civilian Marine Corps official and obtained by The Associated Press, accuses the service of "gross mismanagement" that delayed deliveries of the mine-resistant, ambush-protected trucks for more than two years.

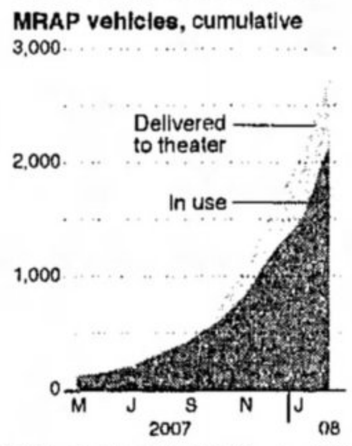
Cost was a driving factor in the decision to turn down the request for the so-called MRAPs, according to the study. Stateside authorities saw the hulking vehicles, which can cost as much as a $1 million each, as a financial threat to programs aimed at developing lighter vehicles that were years from being fielded.

After Defense Secretary Robert Gates declared the MRAP (pronounced M-rap) the Pentagon's No. 1 acquisition priority in May 2007, the trucks began to be shipped to Iraq in large quantities.

The vehicles weigh as much as 40 tons and have been effective at protecting American forces from improvised explosive devices (IEDs), the weapon of choice for Iraqi insurgents. Only four U.S. troops have been killed by such bombs while riding in MRAPs; three of those deaths occurred in older versions of the vehicles.

Delivered MRAPS go unused in war

There have been 2,767 mine-resistant, ambush-protected vehicles (MRAPs) delivered to Iraq and Afghanistan as of Feb. 12, however, fewer are in use.



SOURCE: Department of Defense AP

The study's author, Franz J. Gayl, catalogs what he says were flawed decisions and missteps by midlevel managers in Marine Corps offices that occurred well before Gates replaced Donald Rumsfeld in December 2006.

Among the findings in the Jan. 22 study:

■ Budget and procurement managers failed to recognize the damage being done by IEDs in late 2004 and early 2005 and were convinced the best solution was adding more armor to the less-sturdy Humvees the Marines were using. Humvees, even those with extra layers of steel, proved incapable of blunting the increasingly powerful explosives planted by insurgents.

■ An urgent February 2005 request for MRAPs got lost in bureaucracy. It was signed by then-Brig. Gen. Dennis Hejlik, who asked for 1,169 of the vehicles. The Marines could not continue to take "serious and grave casualties" caused by IEDs when a solution was commercially available, wrote Hejlik, who was a commander in western Iraq from June 2004 to February 2005.

Gayl cites documents showing Hejlik's request was shuttled to a civilian logistics official at the Marine Corps Combat Development Command in suburban Washington who had little experience with military vehicles. As a result, there was more concern over how the MRAP would upset the Marine Corps' supply and maintenance chains than there was in getting the troops a truck that would keep them alive, the study contends.

■ The Marine Corps' acquisition staff didn't give top leaders correct information. Gen. James Conway, the Marine Corps commandant, was not told of the gravity of Hejlik's MRAP request and the real reasons it was shelved, Gayl writes. That resulted in Conway giving "inaccurate and incomplete" information to Congress about why buying MRAPs was not hotly pursued.

■ The Combat Development Command, which decides what gear to buy, treated the MRAP as an expensive obstacle to long-range plans for equipment that was more mobile and fit into the Marines Corps' vision as a rapid reaction force. Those projects included a Humvee replacement called the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle and a new vehicle for reconnaissance and surveillance missions.

The MRAPs didn't meet this fast-moving standard and so the Combat Development Command didn't want to buy them, according to Gayl. The study calls this approach a "Cold War orientation" that suffocates the ability to react to emergency situations.

DISTRICT COURT

Joseph Dalfonso

The following appeared in Monessen before Magisterial District Judge Joseph Dalfonso for preliminary hearings Friday:

■ James Perry III, 39, 218 Bonnie Drive, Belle Vernon; charged with unauthorized use of a vehicle Jan. 8 at 425 Scott Ave., Monessen. The charge was withdrawn.

■ Leslie K. Bashur, 36, 22 Walnut St., Coal Center; charged with theft of leased property March 17 at Rent-A-Center, Monessen. The charge was withdrawn.

■ Taryll Skaggs, 32, 2130 Candel St., Greensburg; charged with retail theft at the Eastgate Exxon, Monessen on July 1. The case was withdrawn.

■ Christopher A. Hotchkiss, 704 Ninth St., Monessen; charged with simple assault and harassment Sept. 3 at his residence; charges were held for court.

■ Christopher G. Olexa, 22, 915 Somerset St., Monessen; charged with driving under the influence Jan. 1 near Val's Car Wash. The charge was waived to court.

■ Ronald Griffey, 704 Ninth St., Monessen; charged with simple assault and, false identification to law enforcement Feb. 5 at his residence. The charges were withdrawn.

■ Mark Panich, 49, 173 Highland Terrace, Monessen; charged with theft of leased property, theft of services and unauthorized use of a vehicle Nov. 8 at 573 Tyrol Boulevard, Monessen. The charges were was withdrawn.

■ Lamont Byrd, 48, 1133 McMahon Ave., Monessen; charged with terroristic threats and harassment Jan. 17 at 1209 Reservoir Ave., Monessen. The charges were waived to court.

■ Glenn E. Weaver Jr., 45, 422 Somers St., Pricedale; charged with terroristic threats, simple assault, disorderly conduct and possession of a controlled substance Feb. 7 at Pizza Hut, Rostraver Township. The charges were withdrawn.

■ Jason J. Collins, 29, of 59663 Cherry Hill Road, Beyesville, Ohio; charged with kidnapping and interference with the custody of children Nov. 2 at McDonalds, Rostraver Township. The case was dismissed.

Larry Hopkins

The following appeared in Charleroi before Magisterial District Judge Larry Hopkins:

■ One count of bad checks was filed against Steve Manges, of 905 Fourth St. Apt 1, Mononongahela. The $4,008.43 check was issued Nov. 16 to Home Warehouse, 7 McKean Ave., Charleroi, according to the complaint, which was mailed to the defendant. A March 7 arraignment is scheduled.

■ One count of possession of drug paraphernalia was filed against Alyssa May Shemasek, 18, of 159 Earnest Ave., Charleroi, in connection with an alleged incident 11:42 a.m. Wednesday at 315 Conrad Ave., North Charleroi. North Charleroi police filed the charges. Arraignment is scheduled March 7.

POLICE LOG

Charleroi

Jamelle Blasko, of 821 Prospect Ave., told police that sometime from 5 p.m. Feb. 8 to 6:15 a.m. Feb. 9, two tires on her car were slashed.

Monongahela

■ Michael Himes, of 3502 Frye Ave., Finleyville, was charged with public drunkenness in the 3400 block of Marion Avenue, 4:30 p.m. Thursday, police reported.

■ Officials at Pitt Mon Auto Salvage, 200 Stockdale Ave., reported Friday morning finding two arrows on their property, one of which was shot through the bumper of a vehicle.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

No winners in 'Cash 5' game

Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $225,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Friday's game.

Lottery officials said 55 players matched four numbers and won $381.50 each; 2,635 players matched three numbers and won $13.50 each; and 33,291 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

One player holds a ticket with a row that matches all six winning numbers drawn in Friday's "Pennsylvania Match 6 Lotto" game, and will receive $900,000.

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DAY PICK BIG 4:	5-0-7-2
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	6-1-9-5
TREASURE HUNT:	4-10-21-22-30
CASH 5:	19-28-38-41-43
MATCH 6:	13-19-33-42-48-49

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DAY PICK 3:	1-9-3
NIGHT PICK 3:	5-9-5
DAY PICK 4:	9-6-8-7
NIGHT PICK 4:	5-8-0-1
ROLLING CASH 5:	11-14-18-20-25

WEST VIRGINIA DAILY NUMBERS — FRIDAY, FEB. 15, 2008

DAILY 3:	8-8-9
DAILY 4:	2-2-3-5
CASH 25:	8-9-10-13-15-24

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Cheers 'n Jeers

Here is a critical look at some of the events that helped shape life in the Mid-Mon Valley area during the past week:

For the "All Oldies 50th Anniversary Dance," which will be held tonight at the Stockdale Fire Hall. The event will hearken back to the "record hops" of the 1950s, when many of the top musical acts in the country used to perform for teenage fans in Stockdale.

For an announcement this week that Monongahela has a shot at getting $400,000 to renovate and restore its aquatorium. Councilman Tom Caudill said Monongahela and New Eagle's adoption of a Joint Comprehensive Plan provides a good chance to get the money from state gambling revenue.

For Friday's start of spring training, one sure sign that winter is nearing its end. There is no better time to be a Pirates fan than the mid-February, when any player can look like a star and there are no games to be lost.

YOUR OPINION

Life was better in the golden years

To the Editor:

What a difference a lifetime makes.

Occasionally, I think of the Depression years. I can remember the good and the bad times. One thing I distinctly remember is the fact that there were no televisions, computers, cell phones, etc. Therefore, families and neighbors spent more time together, were happier and enjoyed closer relationships.

Prime entertainment was listening to programs on the radio such as "Amos and Andy," "Fibber McGee and Molly," etc.

As the years passed by, many changes developed such as TVs, computers, cell phones, automatic dishwashers and clothes dryers, rapid transit, spas, health centers, nursing homes, day care centers, fast food outlets, McDonald's and others, credit cards and much, much more. Some were good, some were bad, such as drugs, drive-by shootings, home invasions, etc.

In the golden years, grass was mowed, Coke was a soft drink, pot was used for cooking and aides were helpers in our schools.

To overdose was to add too much of an ingredient in whatever was being cooked. Drive-by shootings were in Al Capone-type movies; home invasions were when the in-laws made an unexpected visit; fast food is during Lent.

It's hard to believe that a new Chevy car sold for $600 and gasoline was 11 cents a gallon. What a difference!

The golden years were hard times, but definitely the happiest and best times.

Andrew Grese
Elizabeth

ANOTHER VIEW

Memphis Commercial Appeal on school security:

Hamilton High student Deangelo Key might have sealed the deal on a $4.5 million screening process for Memphis City Schools when he allegedly shot a classmate ... during Algebra I class.

If not, at least the case for a security upgrade for the system's 29 high schools and 28 middle schools is getting stronger. A greater degree of safety might be well worth the $80,000-per-school cost. ...

There are drawbacks, as well, to the security enhancement measure on the table — herding randomly selected students past X-ray machines and metal detectors on a daily basis at every school. Students themselves have argued forcefully that daily checks will lengthen the school day and take time away from their studies.

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While letters usually are published in order of submission, those concerning timely local issues are given priority.

'Black ops' in Legislature

Brad **BUMSTED**

The legislative bonus scandal was back in the news last week after Attorney General Tom Corbett subpoenaed personnel records from the Senate Republican Caucus.

The caucus in 2005-2006 was under the leadership of former Senate President Pro Tempore Robert Jubelirer, R-Altoona, and former Senate Majority Leader David Brightbill, R-Lebanon County. After focusing on House Democrats last fall and previously issuing a subpoena to House Republicans, Corbett was venturing into new territory in the Senate.

Senate Republican General Counsel Stephen MacNett put out a statement about the subpoenas late in the day Tuesday. Was it intentionally released in the midst of a wicked snow storm – perhaps minimizing the news coverage? MacNett says not.

The timing was dictated by having notified the Senate GOP Caucus just hours before on Tuesday afternoon, MacNett said. MacNett said there were "several" subpoenas and that the caucus received them the Friday before, Feb. 8 and needed to review them.

The move into the Senate Republican Caucus is significant. Jubelirer and Brightbill were key political supporters of Corbett's. Many said Corbett wouldn't touch the Senate Republicans. His likely fall opponent for attorney general, Northampton County District Attorney John Morganelli, a Democrat, criticized Corbett for failing to appoint a special prosecutor, noting Corbett got campaign money from both former leaders.

Corbett is investigating whether any share of the $3.6 million in bonuses paid to legislative staffers in 2005-2006 were for campaign work and whether state resources were used for political work.

Jubelirer and Brightbill, defeated in the May 2006 primary, gave out sizeable bonuses before leaving:

■ Andrew Crompton, a GOP lawyer who worked for Jubelirer, got $19,467 on top of a six-figure salary in 2006 despite spending months working for Republican gubernatorial candidate Lynn Swann.

■ Mike Long, longtime political guru for Senate Republicans, who also served as Jubelirer's chief of staff, received a $22,500 bonus on top of a $127 K salary. He worked on Jubelirer's campaign.

■ Erik Arneson, a Brightbill staffer who got a $15,000 bonus in 2006, had worked on Brightbill's campaign.

Arneson said last year Brightbill told him the bonuses were for legislative work "well beyond normal hours...It had nothing to do with any campaign."

In an interview last February, Jubelirer told me the bonuses "were a way of rewarding people for extra (state) work."

"It was legal. It was ethical. It was used sparingly," Jubelirer said.

Senate Republican officials have told me that when staffers took leave it was well documented. Records show even state health care benefits were reduced when staffers worked on campaigns.

Some perspective is required. The Senate Republicans' $366,000 in bonuses were dwarfed by House Democrats' $2.2 million over the two-year period.

The House Democrats gave out $1.8 million right after taking control of the House I the 2006 election.

The legality of bonuses given to legislative staffers in the 2005-2006 session might not be resolved for some time.

What's clear is that $3.6 million worth of bonuses paid out by all four caucuses were wrong.

The bonuses were run off-the-books like some kind of "black ops" – the public had no idea when they saw a salary for a legislative staffer, that in fact, the staffer was secretly making $5,000 to $25,000 more than that. They were also wrong because of the appearance they created. Legislative staffers who spent weeks or months on the campaign trail were rewarded with tax dollars at the end of the year.

The bonuses flunked the smell test even if no illegal act or crime occurred.

Brad Bumsted is the Tribune-Review's state Capitol reporter.

Trouble for Democrats

Cokie and Steve **ROBERTS**

Democrats could face two troubling issues at their convention next summer. By what standard should superdelegates cast their ballots? And should Florida and Michigan — now benched for violating party rules — have a vote after all?

Party leaders never confronted these questions because they assumed the nominations would be settled long before they meet in Denver Aug. 25. (That includes Hillary Clinton, who was practically broke after Super Tuesday.) And the primaries could still produce a decisive outcome.

Barack Obama's sweep in the "Potomac primary" gives him a sizable lead, and if Clinton loses Ohio and Texas on March 4 she can't catch him. But it's possible that the primaries will end in June without a clear victor, and at that point, the delegate count would become critical.

There are 796 superdelegates out of 4,049 (not counting Florida and Michigan), or about 20 percent of the total. Most are party leaders, elected officials, big donors — Clinton and Obama, as sitting senators, are both superdelegates — and they are free to support any candidate, no matter how the popular vote in their state turns out.

The Associated Press estimates that 399 of the 796 have chosen a candidate, with Clinton winning 243 and Obama 156. Both sides are pressing hard for the remaining 397, and as Richard Ray of Georgia told the AP: "I told my wife I'm going to be pretty popular for a couple of months."

Obama expects to win more states and more votes than Clinton, so he is insisting the superdelegates follow the returns. His argument obviously reflects his self-interest, but it has a lot of validity.

"My strong belief," Obama said recently, "is that if we end up with the most states and the most pledged delegates, and the most voters in the country, then it would be problematic for political insiders to overturn the judgment of the voters."

The spectacle of party operatives rejecting a popular choice could rip the Democrats apart and diminish their chances in November. The pain grows if mainly white superdelegates pass over a black candidate.

Clinton has a distinct advantage with the superdelegates, because she's been around a long time and knows many of them personally. So her argument also reflects political calculation. Instead of simply mirroring the vote totals, she says, superdelegates are "supposed to exercise independent judgment."

Indeed, Obama enjoys the backing of superdelegates Ted Kennedy and John Kerry, whose home state of Massachusetts strongly endorsed Clinton. So if Obama's argument prevails, she added caustically, "I look forward to receiving the support of Sen. Kerry and Sen. Kennedy."

This dispute reflects one of the oldest arguments in political theory: Should elected representatives merely follow "the judgment of the voters," or should they "exercise independent judgment" based on their own values and experience?

The classic statement on this matter remains the one made in 1774 by the British philosopher Edmund Burke, in his famous speech to the electors of Bristol. The views of the voters, he said, "ought to have great weight" with any elected official, "and above all, ever, and in all cases (he should) prefer their interest to his own."

However, Burke added, any official must also listen to his "enlightened conscience." Therefore, "your representative owes you, not his industry only, but his judgment; and he betrays, instead of serving you, if he sacrifices it to your opinion."

The second question concerns Florida and Michigan, which were penalized for holding their primaries earlier than party rules dictated. These two large states account for 366 delegates, 9 percent of the current total, and since Clinton won both primaries, she is vociferously arguing for those delegates to count. Team Obama cries foul, saying he didn't contest the primaries and should not be punished for playing by the rules.

On this point we agree with Obama. Clinton did not win those delegates fairly and should not gain an advantage by having them seated.

But on the question of the superdelegates, Clinton has the better argument. If their role was simply to ratify the popular vote, why have them at all? If Ted Kennedy can exercise his "independent judgment" and defy the voters of Massachusetts, why can't superdelegates in states like Illinois and Connecticut, which backed Obama, do the same thing?

RELIGION

Woman rabbi new for Jews in Poland

She's building modern Jewish life where Jews were almost wiped out in the Holocaust.

By VANESSA GERA
Associated Press Writer

LUBLIN, Poland — Rabbi Tanya Segal wraps a fringed prayer shawl around her shoulders, holds a guitar on crossed legs and leads Poles in songs celebrating the Jewish Sabbath.

In this city once known as Poland's Jerusalem, where the rabbis of prewar Poland were men wearing black coats and hats, long beards and sidelocks, Segal is no throwback.

A Russian-born Israeli with long fiery red hair, she is Poland's first full-time female rabbi. Her arrival in December in a land where Jewish life was all but wiped out in the Holocaust is a testament to the revival of that life now — and a new diversity taking root amid the growth of the community.

Segal, a youthful and energetic 50-year-old, is from the Progressive, or Reform, stream of Judaism. She lives in Warsaw but travels frequently around Poland, guitar in tow, on a mission to bring Jewish traditions to corners of the country of 38 million where large Yiddish-speaking communities thrived for centuries until World War II.

"It's really a challenge," Segal said after leading a Shabbat service on a recent Friday night in a room nestled above Grodzka Gate, an arched passageway that separated Lublin's Christian and Jewish quarters. "But I hope to satisfy their interest, to bring them this opportunity ... to experience Jewish life."

The Nazis killed 6 million Jews — half of them Polish — and bequeathed a legacy of fear, one reinforced by postwar violence and communist-led persecution. Lublin's prewar population of 100,000 was about 40 percent Jewish; today the Jewish community numbers 22, though many more than that are believed to have Jewish ancestry.

Since the end of the Cold War in 1989, Poles with Jewish roots have been gradually shaking off the old fears of anti-Semitism and finding the courage to attend Jewish events, visit Israel and sometimes return to the faith of their ancestors.

As they do, some are turning to a modern and liberal strand of Judaism and embracing new customs — such as the equal participation of women in liturgical life — that developed in North America and are being transplanted to a region historically dominated by the Orthodox movement.

"We really believe that women should be fully present and fully equal on every conceivable level of Jewish leadership and scholarship, and we want to send this message loud and clear to the world," said Rabbi Burt Schuman, the head of Poland's Progressive Jewish community. Segal joined him in December as the second rabbi at their congregation in Warsaw, Beit Warszawa, after her ordination in November at the Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem.

"She is a role model for a whole new generation of Polish Jewish women," Schuman added.

Despite being a historic first, Segal does not dwell on her gender and does not call herself a feminist.

"For me, being a woman rabbi is just natural," she says. "But when people see a woman rabbi, they learn about a key principle of our movement, which is equality. So it means I've done my job."

Her main focus is on giving the Jewish life that remained after the Holocaust a chance to flourish again, a mission she embarked on even before her ordination during several months in Poland as a student rabbi.

"Jews are still here, they are looking for their identity, for their roots. If they are here, then I want to be here," she said.

Taking on the role has meant sacrifice — uprooting herself from the home that she made in Israel after leaving Moscow in 1990 as a single mother with a 2-year-old son. Today that boy, Benyamin, is 19 and a soldier in the Israeli army.

Segal, an actress and singer in Moscow's Jewish Chamber Musical Theater before immigrating to Israel, was a natural with the crowd at the Brama Grodzka cultural center — a place led by non-Jews to promote Jewish life.

At the start of each song she taught the Hebrew lyrics so the audience of about 35 Poles, some without Jewish roots, could join in. With a small laugh of pleasure she corrected those who were clapping out of time.

Among the crowd was 18-year-old Ola Nuckowska, who attended with her maternal grandmother, a Jew who survived the war thanks to a Christian family that took her in as a baby. The grandmother, Wanda Chmielewska, 65, never even knew the name given to her at birth by her Jewish parents, who died in the Holocaust.

Associated Press

Rabbi Tanya Segal teaches a small group about Jewish mysticism in Warsaw, Poland. Segal, 50, is the first woman rabbi to serve full-time in Poland. A Russian-born Israeli, she is working to create a flourishing, modern Jewish life in a land devastated by the Holocaust.

"I go to synagogue on Fridays and to church on Sundays," said the teenage Nuckowska, describing a predicament shared by many Poles with Jewish roots — feeling both Roman Catholic and Jewish.

She recently went to Israel to "see my fatherland and meet other Jewish people" — but told classmates that she was on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land's Christian sites to keep her Jewish identity hidden.

For her, an evening with Segal is a way to connect to that Jewish heritage.

"At first I thought a woman rabbi was a little strange," Nuckowska said. "But it's good."

Segal is not discouraged by those who come seeking only cultural contact the case of many here.

Her own religious convictions also came only after her immigration to Israel, though that grew from a strong Jewish identity nourished by the theater and the experience of facing anti-Semitic taunts on playgrounds as a child. Art, she is convinced, "prepares and trains the human soul so that it can receive holiness."

"I don't think they can have a religious experience so soon," she said.

"It takes years to really learn to pray. It's a process. They come to celebrate Shabbat, and whatever place they are in today is really OK."

VALLEY CHURCH BRIEFS

Altar society set for communion

St. John Altar Society in Perryopolis will receive Communion this month at the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. The rosary will be recited at 7:45 a.m. Lectors for the Mass are Paula Novobilsky and Sue Daniels.

Lenten service set at Charleroi church

A Charleroi Area Ministerial Association Lenten service will be held 7 p.m. Sunday at Community of Christ, Fifth Street and Washington Avenue. The Rev. Frank Zeman will bring the message.

Rehoboth pastor to be honored

A public open house honoring the Rev. Richard C. Klein for 20 years service to Rehoboth Presbyterian Church and the Mid Mon Valley area will be held 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Rehoboth Social Hall, 442 Rehoboth Road, Belle Vernon.

Hand-bell choir resumes practicing

The Joy Bells, the hand-bell choir at First Presbyterian Church in Belle Vernon, has resumed practice sessions after a mid-winter break.

Membership in the Joy Bells is open to anyone in the Valley who is interested in learning "the art of hand-bell ringing" and playing with the group.

You do not need to read music, just have the desire to learn to ring.

Practice is held 7 p.m. each Tuesday in fellowship hall at the church at 501 Fayette St., Belle Vernon.

For information, call Zeta Morgan at (724) 929-5489.

Black history program planned

The Chrysanthemum Club of the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Baltimore St., Brownsville, is celebrating its annual Black History program 4 p.m. Sunday. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Leonard Kirby, from City Chapel of Uniontown. He will be accompanied by his choir.

Living Lent program listed

The Living Lent theme continues into the second week at the Roscoe Presbyterian Church at the 11 a.m. Sunday worship and the 6 p.m. Wednesday dinner program.

Those attending the dinner are asked to bring their own table service.

NAACP unit plans dinner program

The Greensburg-Jeannette NAACP Youth Council will present "A Celebration of Gospel," a portrayal of famous African-American gospel singers as well as participation by youth from local churches and a soul food dinner 4 p.m. Feb. 23 at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 33 N. Spring Ave., Greensburg.

Proceeds of the event will benefit the youth council.

For tickets, call the NAACP office at (724) 838-9146, Ruth Tolbert, youth advisor, at (724) 694-5232 or any member of the NAACP Youth Council.

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Catholics have mixed views of church's rules on marriage

Most say church teachings shape their views of marriage, yet they accept divorce.

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Most Roman Catholics say church teachings shape their views of marriage, yet they also get some tenets wrong and are largely accepting of divorce, a new survey found.

Seventy percent of married U.S. Catholics were either wed in a Catholic church or have had their marriages blessed by the church, according the survey by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University.

A majority of Catholics — 55 percent — said their opinions about marriage have been at least "somewhat" informed by church teaching.

Most accurately described church teachings about the sacrament of marriage, including that the church does not consider a civil marriage after divorce to be sacramentally valid. However, 76 percent of adult Catholics also said divorce is acceptable in some cases.

Misconceptions also were discovered. The survey found six in 10 Catholics have heard that a non-Catholic spouse must promise to have the couple's children raised Catholic, which has not been the case since a change in canon law in 1983.

On the whole, Catholics were comparable to the U.S. population in marriage demographics, including marriage age and frequency of divorce, the study found.

The survey of 1,008 self-identified Catholic adults, conducted in June 2007, was commissioned by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Marriage and Family Life.

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He Who Began A Good Work In You

Parents usually like their children to stick to whatever endeavor they begin, so as not to encourage them to take the easy way out. They realize that anything worthwhile usually requires a commitment and hard work.

No one likes to be known as a quitter or someone who never finishes what they start. However, we have all been in the position where we may have decided to quit something. Knowing when to quit is sometimes a sign of good judgement.

Whatever our reason for quitting, it is nice to know that God does not give up on us, and the Bible tells us that He who began a good work in us will finish it.

There may be times when we may feel that God has forsaken us; but, Romans 8:28 tells us that in all things God works for good with those who love Him, those who He has called according to His purpose. We should be encouraged to know that God never gives up on us.

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Good News Bible Philippians 1:6

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St. Patrick's Day treat has healthy twist

Recipe for cabbage with corned beef cuts down on the meat.

By JIM ROMANOFF
For The Associated Press

The Chinese have got it right when it comes to including meat in a healthy diet. Their secret: more vegetables, less meat.

But to learn from this cuisine, don't go by what you see on most American Chinese restaurant menus. Meat-heavy dishes such as sweet-and-sour pork and General Tso's chicken are Western creations.

The typical Chinese diet consists mostly of complex carbohydrates such as vegetables and rice, plus proteins from soy products such as tofu. Meats are used in small amounts, usually for flavoring, and are likely to be the main course only for special occasions.

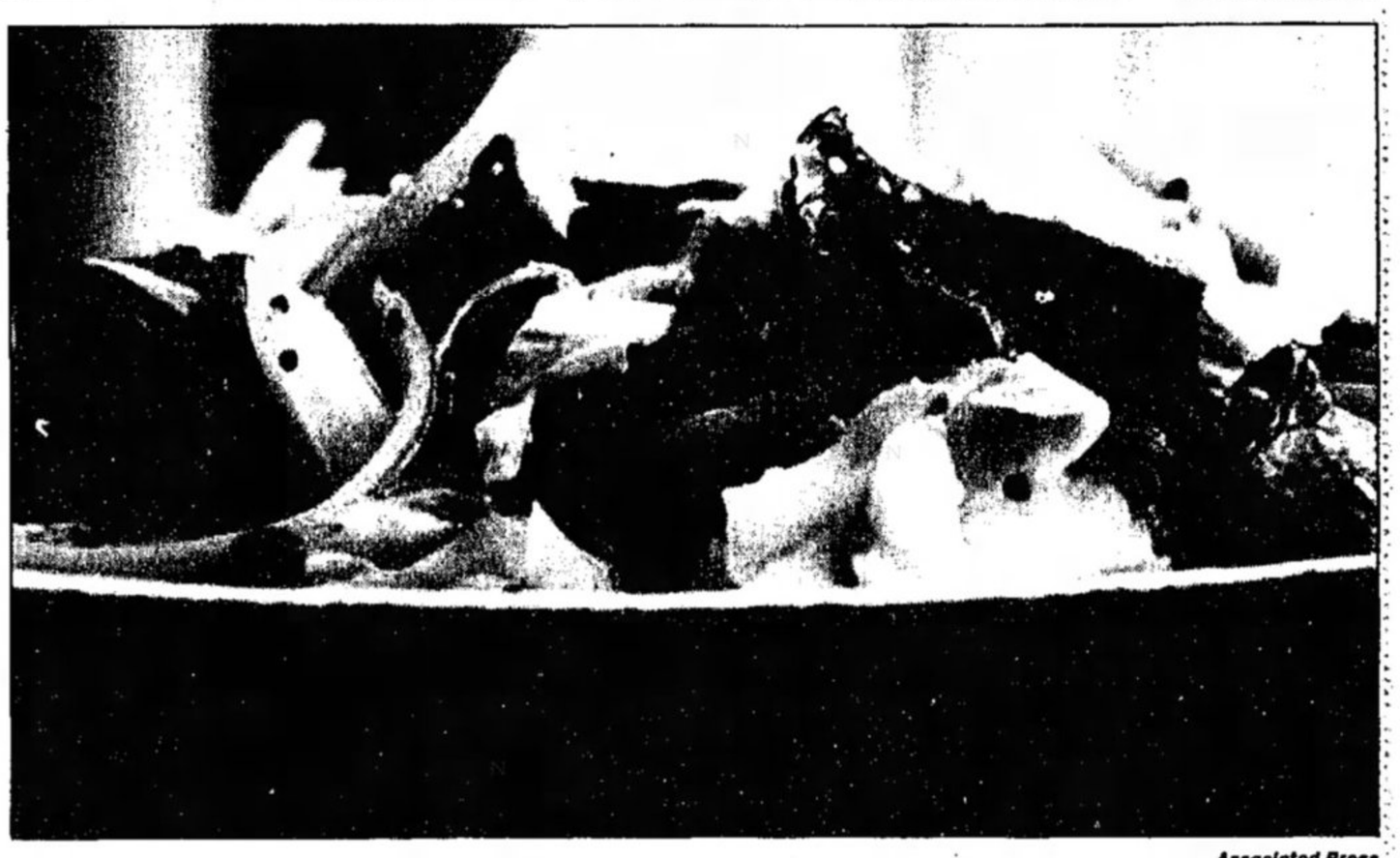
Western diets, however, tend to be meat-centered, an approach that can contribute to chronic diseases such as diabetes and hypertension.

The Chinese approach to using meat in cooking is a great way to enjoy meats that are flavorful but fatty or high in sodium. For example, bacon makes an excellent seasoning because of its intense saltiness and deep smokey flavor.

This recipe for sweet-and-sour cabbage with corned beef borrows many of the elements of the traditional St. Patrick's Day meal and makes them into a healthy side dish.

Thin strips of deli sliced corned beef, which are lean but quite salty, are used to flavor nutrient- and fiber-rich shredded cabbage and carrots. Cider vinegar, coarse Dijon mustard and a bit of brown sugar create a sweet and tangy contrast to the saltiness of the corned beef.

The dish is easy to prepare, but to save even more time you can use pre-shredded cabbage (coleslaw mix) and pre-shredded or matchstick carrots, which can be found in the produce section of most grocers.



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The Chinese cooking style of using lots of vegetables with healthy amounts of meat is combined with traditional St. Patrick's Day ingredients in this Sweet-and-Sour Cabbage With Corned Beef.

Sweet-and-Sour Cabbage With Corned Beef

Start to finish: 30 minutes (10 minutes active)
Servings: 6

1 teaspoon canola oil
4 ounces deli sliced corned beef, cut into thin strips
3/4 cup water
1/4 cup cider vinegar
2 tablespoons coarse Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon brown sugar
6 cups shredded green cabbage (about 1 pound)
2 cups shredded carrots
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

In a large nonstick skillet with a lid, heat oil over medium-high.

Add the corned beef and saute, stirring often, until lightly browned, about 2 minutes. Add the water, vinegar, mustard and brown sugar. Stir to combine.

Add the cabbage and carrots and reduce heat to medium-low. Cover and simmer, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables are very tender, 15 to 20 minutes.

Check the vegetables midway through and add more water if necessary.

Season with salt and pepper before serving.

This kid-friendly Raisin Soda Bread can bring both you children and St. Patrick's Day into your kitchen.

Associated Press

Kids can help with soda bread

Popular holiday treat may leave a fun mess behind.

By J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Editor

Use St. Patrick's Day as an excuse to get the kids into the kitchen to help with this easy, hands-on recipe for sweet soda bread studded with golden raisins.

The recipe calls for baking the dough as two loaves, but it could be divided into four to accommodate multiple baker's helpers. And be prepared for a (fun) mess; the dough is sticky.

Raisin soda bread

Start to finish: 1 hour 15 minutes
Servings: 8

2 cups white whole-wheat flour
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup quick oats
1 1/2 tablespoons baking soda

(See BREAD, Page 10A)

SCHOOL MENUS

BELLE VERNON AREA
Breakfast

Daily – Cereal, super bun or doughnut, toaster pastry, toasted bun/peanut butter, assorted juices, fruit, assorted milks.

Monday – No school.

Tuesday – Scrambled eggs and ham, wheat toast with butter and jelly, orange juice.

Wednesday – Applesauce, pancakes and sausage.

Thursday – Apple juice, breakfast pizza pocket.

Friday – Sliced peaches, French toast and syrup.

Lunch

Daily – Chef salad/roll, sliced turkey or ham/or peanut butter and jelly/ or cheese on a roll, lettuce, tomato and pickle, fresh fruit, vegetable, milk.

Monday – No school.

Tuesday – Baked chicken pattie, hot roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed peas and carrots, chilled pineapple.

Wednesday – Spaghetti and meatballs, garlic breadsticks, tossed salad with dressing, chilled mixed fruit.

Thursday – BBQ rib sandwich (bun and BBQ sauce), pierogies, green beans, fruit snack.

Friday – Stuffed crust pizza, tossed salad with dressing, chilled peaches.

CALIFORNIA AREA
Breakfast

Daily – Milk.

Monday – No school.

Tuesday – Juice, toast, funnel cake/powdered sugar.

Wednesday – Cereal, toast, juice.

Thursday – Pop Tart, cereal, juice.

Friday – Toast, juice, breakfast sausage pizza.

Lunch

Daily – Tuna and PJ sandwich, milk.

Monday – No school.

Tuesday – Hot dog on bun, oven baked beans, French fries, cherry pie.

Wednesday – Hamburger/cheeseburger, parslied potatoes, assorted fruit.

Thursday – Chicken nuggets, roll, mashed potatoes, assorted fruit.

Friday – Fish sandwich, cheese or garlic pizza, peas and carrots, assorted fruit.

CHARLEROI AREA
Breakfast

Daily – Cereal or yogurt with muffin, juice, milk.

Monday – No school.

Tuesday – Assorted cereal and grahams.

Wednesday – Breakfast pizza.

Thursday – Pancake stick.

Friday – Scrambled eggs and toast.

Lunch

Daily – Milk.

Monday – No school.

Tuesday – Open face pizzaburger or grilled cheese sandwich, minestrone soup, green beans, peaches.

Wednesday – Spaghetti with meat sauce and bread or cheeseburger on a bun, salad, fresh fruit, peanut butter fudge.

Thursday – Beef tacos with cheese and wheat bread or ham BBQ sandwich, corn, pears.

Friday – Pizza or fish sandwich on a bun, tater tots, pineapple tidbits.

GEIBEL CATHOLIC
Lunch

Daily – Milk.

Monday – No school.

Tuesday – BBQ rib sandwich, pickle spear, French fries, dessert.

Wednesday – Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, dessert.

Thursday – Penne pasta, breadsticks, vegetable, dessert.

Friday – Fish sandwich, macaroni and cheese, vegetable, dessert.

MADONNA CATHOLIC REGIONAL SCHOOL
Breakfast

Daily – Cereal, toast, milk.

Monday – Breakfast Hot Pocket.

Tuesday – Pancakes.

Wednesday – Sausage and cheese bagel.

Thursday – French toast sticks.

Friday – Egg and cheese bagel.

Lunch

Daily – Chicken tenders, chilled fruit, milk.

Monday – Hamburger on bun, oven potatoes, seasoned vegetable.

Tuesday – Nachos with seasoned meat and cheese sauce, broccoli.

Wednesday – Turkey, bacon and cheese sub, oven potatoes, pudding.

Thursday – Hot dog on bun, oven potatoes, baked beans.

Friday – Grilled cheese or tuna salad sandwich, oven potatoes, tomato soup.

MONESSEN
Breakfast

Daily – Cereal with graham crackers, fruit juice, milk.

Monday – No school.

Tuesday – Bagel with cream cheese/jelly.

Wednesday – Funnel cake; Secondary – Breakfast pizza.

Thursday – Breakfast pizza; Secondary – Ham and cheese muffin.

Friday – Cinnamon pretzel stick; Secondary – Cheesy eggs and bagel half.

Lunch

Daily – Pizza (elementary), fruit choice, milk.

Monday – No school.

Tuesday – Grilled cheese/tomato soup or BBQ chicken sandwich, peas; Secondary – Taco pizza or hot ham and cheese, French fries, corn.

Wednesday – Sweet and sour chicken over rice or cheeseburger on a bun, baked tater tots, fruit sherbet; Secondary – Marinated chicken sandwich, baked fries, mixed vegetables, sherbet.

Thursday – Nachos with meat and cheese or ham BBQ on a bun, broccoli; Secondary – Steak and cheese sandwich or chicken and cheese wrap, French fries, cauliflower.

Friday – Macaroni and cheese or hot dog on a bun, green beans; Secondary – Chicken stir fry/rice, celery/carrot sticks, broccoli.

RINGGOLD
Lunch

Daily – Fresh fruit or fruit cups, milk.

Monday – No school.

Tuesday – Popcorn chicken with bread slice or meatball submarine, French fries.

Wednesday – Hot pork sandwich or grilled hot dog, mashed potatoes with gravy.

Thursday – Macaroni Milanese with garlic bread or turkey club sandwich, tossed salad.

Friday – Pepperoni pizza or fish sandwich, mixed vegetables.

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Italian chicken and rice

Cacciatore-style dish requires a lot of stirring, but it's worth the trouble.

COOKING WITH CYNTHIA

I thought I would share with you another slow cooker recipe with you today.

This one makes a great meal, but the only catch here is you need to be around the house to stir this every 20 minutes or so to keep it from sticking.

I call it "Italian chicken and rice dish" because it has a similar taste to cacciatore.

The reason you must keep stirring it is to keep the rice from sticking, but the flavor is well worth the effort. After all, how much effort does it take to stir something?

Ingredients:

4 chicken breasts, sans skin and bones, chopped into one-inch pieces

2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

1 medium onion peeled and chopped

1 small green or yellow bell pepper seeded and chopped

About 4 sun-dried tomatoes, chopped

2 carrots, cleaned and chopped

2 cans chopped tomatoes

1 teaspoon basil

1 teaspoon oregano

Salt and pepper for taste

4 garlic cloves, peeled and finely chopped

Risotto or arborio rice (amount stated by box for four servings)

NOTE: Use enough chicken broth combined with the juice from the chopped tomatoes to make up enough liquid needed according to rice package directions for a serving for four.

Directions:

Start slow cooker and add olive oil to coat bottom. As soon as oil is heated, add the chicken, spices and salt and pepper. Add vegetables, dried tomatoes and rest of vegetables. Add rice and liquids, salt and pepper to taste.

Add finely chopped garlic and stir until thoroughly combined. Turn cooker to high and put lid in place.

Cook for six hours stirring about every 20 minutes, or if you see rice is not clumping, stir every half hour. On the last hour you may have to stir more frequently.

Risotto is very starchy but delicious rice and makes an impressive dish. Pour into a nice big bowl and garnish with sprigs of Italian parsley.

Bread (FROM PAGE NINE)

1 1/2 tablespoons salt

3/4 cup sugar

2 cups buttermilk

3 tablespoons molasses

2 cups golden raisins

GET READY

Preheat the oven to 425 F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

STEP 1

In a large bowl, combine the flours, oats, baking soda, salt and sugar, then use your hands or a wooden spoon to mix.

Form a well (or hole) in the center of the dry ingredients.

STEP 2

Into the well, pour the buttermilk and molasses. Mix until combined.

Add the raisins, then use your hands to knead the dough (in the bowl or on lightly floured counter) several times to work in the raisins.

STEP 3

On a lightly floured surface, divide the dough in two, then shape each half into a round. Transfer the rounds to the prepared baking sheet.

Have an adult use a knife to cut a large X in the top of each loaf.

STEP 4

Have an adult place the baking sheet in the oven. Bake for 15 minutes, then reduce heat to 325 F and bake for another 40 to 45 minutes.

The loaves should be lightly browned.

STEP 5

Have an adult remove the baking sheet from the oven and let the loaves cool before eating.

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Bitter chocolate

U.S., foreign regulators probe price-fixing claims.

By JANET FRANKSTON LORIN
Associated Press Writer

NEWARK, N.J. — If you felt your Valentine's Day chocolates were not such a sweet deal this year, you're not alone. Regulators are investigating price fixing among candy makers in at least three different countries.

In the last week, the German Federal Cartel Office raided the offices of seven of leading chocolate companies including Mars Inc., Kraft Foods Inc. and Nestle SA searching for documents. Three months ago, Canada's Competition Bureau searched the offices of several companies, many of the same ones as in Germany.

The Canadian investigation sparked several American lawsuits accusing the world's biggest chocolate companies of violating antitrust laws.

The U.S. Department of Justice declined to confirm it is investigating, yet several companies confirmed receiving inquiries.

The retailers and consumers who filed suit allege the companies needed to fix prices because while the costs for raw materials such as milk and cacao have increased, sales of chocolate in the U.S. have remained relatively flat in recent years. Chocolate manufacturer sales grew by 2.9 percent in 2007 to $16.3 billion, according to the National Confectioners Association.

The cases detail how informants kept letters for years, showing that Canadian executives exchanged confidential pricing information dating back to 2002 through e-mail, phone and meetings.

> "Oil and gas prices are fixed, and diamonds. Why should chocolate be different?"
>
> Owen Cullimore

Marilyne Nahum, a spokeswoman for the Competition Bureau, declined to discuss the details of the ongoing investigation and said no charges have been filed. The companies could face criminal conspiracy charges, which carry penalties of up to $10 million Canadian dollars and/or five years in prison.

According to affidavits submitted in an Ontario court to obtain search warrants, top executives at Hershey Co., Mars and Nestle met secretly in coffee shops, restaurants and conventions to set prices. The volume of commerce involved is potentially in the billions of dollars per year.

The German Cartel Office has said it suspected the companies had conspired with one another to raise their prices even higher than the increase in the price of raw materials, such as cocoa and nuts, would have demanded. If the office finds evidence of collaboration, the companies face possible fines of up to 10 percent of their annual income.

Several of the companies say they are cooperating with investigators.

Mars North America was contacted in early December by the U.S. Justice Department about a preliminary inquiry concerning pricing practices in the U.S. chocolate confectionery industry, said spokeswoman Alice Nathanson.

"We will fully cooperate with any investigation that may be launched," she said.

She also confirmed German officials visited the company's offices in Viersen last week. In Canada, Mars continues to cooperate the Canadian Competition Bureau's investigation.

"As the bureau has stated, it has not reached any conclusions of wrongdoing and is still at the investigative stage," Nathanson said.

Edie Burge, a spokeswoman for Nestle USA, said the company "is aware of a preliminary investigation into marketing practices in the U.S. chocolate industry being conducted by the Department of Justice," and will cooperate with any investigation, but has not been contacted.

A spokesman for Hershey declined to comment.

Yet in addition to the government investigations, the companies are facing lawsuits from a gaggle of plaintiffs.

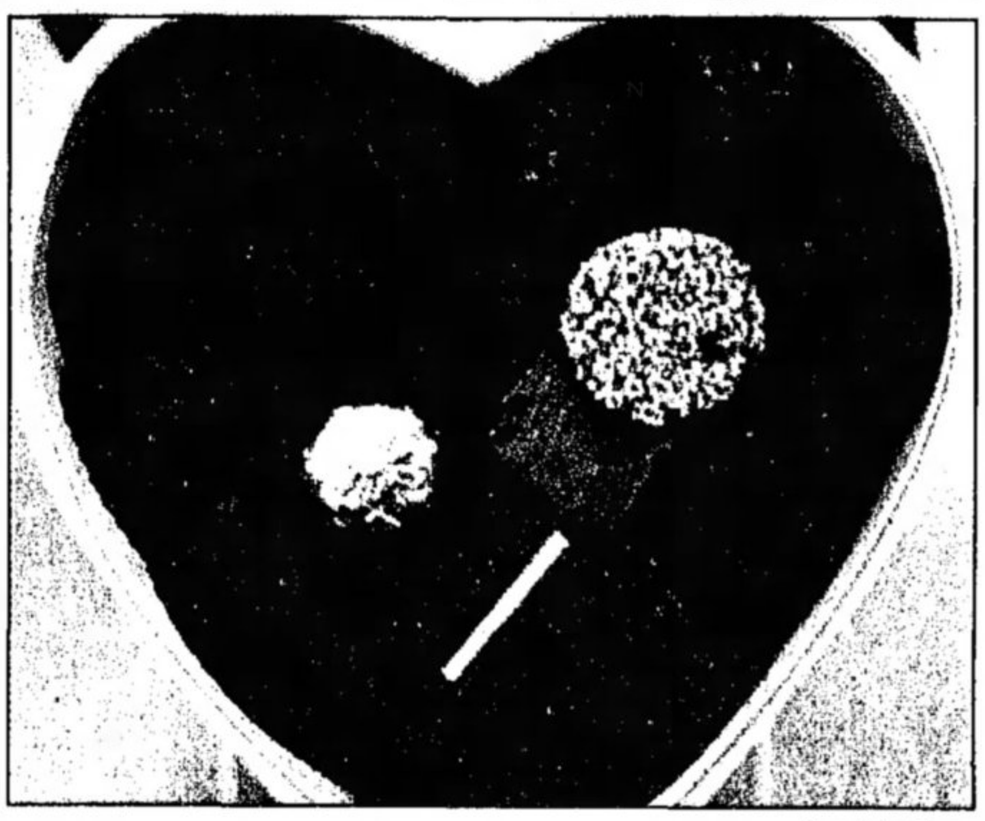
A New Jersey confectionery company filed the first lawsuit in late December, charging price fixing by an international cartel of companies — Hershey and Mars, the leading chocolate companies in the U.S., along with other companies such as Nestle and Cadbury Schweppes PLC.

The confectioners claim that a cartel raised prices three times since 2003 and planned another hike for 2008.

German officials said the companies raided this week had agreed at the beginning of the year to raise prices.

At least 45 similar suits have been filed in eight states on behalf of more than 50 consumers and companies like CNS Confectionery Products of Bayonne, N.J.

CNS, a 13-year-old company that manufacturers chocolate products, sued its suppliers to get back what it called overpricing, said attorney Hollis Salzman, who represents CNS and whose firm seeks to lead the class action lawsuit.



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The world's largest chocolate companies are being accused of violating anti-trust laws.

Direct purchasers like CNS often don't want to sue their suppliers because they fear retaliation, but given the Canadian investigation, CNS's owners felt they had to step forward, Salzman said.

A federal court in Newark next week is scheduled to hear a motion to consolidate the 16 New Jersey cases. Another federal court will determine which district in the U.S. will hear the consolidated cases. After an initial hearing expected in late March, a decision could take months.

If the class action suit is successful, manufacturers like CNS could recover their share of the chocolate purchased, Salzman said.

Other plaintiffs would be eligible to collect damages if they purchased chocolate directly from the companies, either as manufacturers or from company-owned sites such Hershey Park in Pennsylvania or retail outlets such as Mars's M&M stores. That could involve potentially billions of dollars for hundreds of thousands of consumers, Salzman said.

Yet consumers aren't surprised to hear about the alleged plot.

"Oil and gas prices are fixed, and diamonds," said Owen Cullimore, 37, an accountant from Long Island, N.Y. "Why should chocolate be different?"

He buys about $50 worth of chocolate per year, including Cadbury bars with nuts. He said wouldn't be bothered if he had been paying more.

"It's a nominal fee," Cullimore said.

Chocolate sales in the U.S. have been essentially flat for the last six years, hovering at just under $16 billion annually, excluding sales from Wal-Mart, said Marcia Mogelonsky, an analyst with Chicago-based market research firm Mintel International Group. Sales of dark chocolate, which has a perceived health benefit, and premium chocolate have increased and pulled market totals up, she said.

TV LISTINGS

Weekends at girlfriend's house are man's secret from parents

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a great guy, "Curtis," for about a year, and I'm happy with everything about our relationship except for one thing.

Curtis lives out of town. I live in the same town as his parents.

He stays with me many weekends, and when he visits his parents and they ask where he is staying, he lies to them.

I understand that his folks are religious and that they wouldn't approve of his staying over, but Curtis is 25 years old. At this point, shouldn't he be able to choose what he wants to do?

My parents are also traditional in their beliefs, but I have made it clear to Curtis that I was raised to tell the truth, even if it means disappointing someone.

His mom and dad have met me. They know this is an enduring relationship. I want him to feel comfortable telling them where he's staying on weekends.

Should I stop worrying about this, or should Curtis be telling his parents the truth?

I know he loves me, but I feel like his guilty secret. — **CANADIAN READER**

DEAR CANADIAN READER: While I agree that by age 25 Curtis should be man enough to level with his parents about whose pillow he's hitting on weekends, I don't think this is anything to obsess about.

His folks may be religious, but they're probably not naive — and this may be a "game" they have played for years.

Because they have met you and know you have an ongoing relationship, you are not Curtis' guilty secret.

The fact that he is sexually active is Curtis' guilty secret, and I don't think you should push him to reveal it until he feels ready.

DEAR ABBY: I have many out-of-town relatives who come in for the holidays every year. As our families have all grown, the group has gotten larger.

I consider this to be a blessing, except for the fact that it makes hosting the holiday meals every year overwhelming.

Additionally, over time it seems my visiting sisters do less and less to help me prepare and serve the meal and clean up afterward. And my brothers and brothers-in-law hardly help at all.

Each year I feel like my home is turned into a fast-food diner. Abby, I think they have forgotten how much work it takes to clean and prepare for such a large group. I know they have traveled far and paid for airfare, but they seem to think that entitles them to treat me like the owner of a hotel/restaurant who is here only to serve them.

Can you please remind your readers to show some appreciation to family members who host them year after year? I never get any thanks or flowers or offers of being taken out for dinner for hosting all of these relatives.

Even if they can't do that, help with cleaning and doing the dishes would go a long way. — **POOPED IN ISSAQUAH, WASH.**

DEAR POOPED: Have you never heard the saying, "The squeaky wheel gets the grease"? Please do not count on me to get the message out to your relatives — who, after all these years of being waited on, are probably under the impression that you enjoy "having the privilege."

Before the out-of-towners arrive this year, begin communicating your feelings and enlist their help in shouldering the workload. Assign the chores to various relatives — including the brothers and brothers-in-law.

The alternative will be ordering takeout and using paper plates, and I don't think that's what anybody has in mind.

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ABC (4) WTAE (23) WATM	(4) News (N)/ (23) Paid	ABC's World News Saturday (N)	(4) Entertainment Tonight/ (23) Jeopardy!	(23) Wheel of Fortune "Just for Fun"	★★★ Miracle (2004) Coach Herb Brooks leads the U.S. Olympic hockey team to victory over the Soviet team in 1980. Premiere.						(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (N)/ (23) News (N)	(4) Ebert & Roeper/ (23) Law/Ord SVU	(4) Access Hollywood (N)	(23) Lyons & Bailes Reel Talk (N)	(4) Paid/ (23) Girls Behaving Badly	Paid	Paid	(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11/ (23) Paid
NBC (6) WJAC (9) WTOV (11) WPXI	News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight/ (9) Wheel of Fortune/ (11) Jeopardy!	(9) Cash Explosion/ (11) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Self-Made" Goren and Eames investigate the death of a novelist.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A wealthy teen is found murdered.		Law & Order "Bottomless" A dry-cleaning mix-up leads to a murdered attorney.		News (N)	Saturday Night Live			(6) (9) Star Trek "The Trouble With Tribbles"/ (11) Cops "Coast to Coast"	(11) NASCAR Angels	(6) Masterminds/ (9) Entertainers/ (11) Da Vinci's Inquest	(6) Masterminds "The Stopwatch Heist" Bank heists by Paddy Mitchell.
FOX (8) WWCP (53) WPGH	(8) The King of Queens/ (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) The King of Queens/ (53) Friends	(8) American Idol Rewind/ (53) Friends	(53) Seinfeld The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.	Cops A woman wrestles with an officer. (N)	Cops Portland, Ore.; Spokane, Wash. (N)	America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back "Boca Raton Special Edition" Unsolved. (N)		(8) News (N)/ (53) Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10	(8) Seinfeld/ (53) Two and a Half Men	Mad TV "Lee vs. Wild". (N)		Talkshow With Spike Feresten Tim Heidecker. (N)	Paid	(8) Paid/ (53) Sex and the City	(8) Dancing to a Better Body/ (53) Sex and the City	(8) Core Fitness Secrets/ (53) ★★★ Dirty Deeds	(8) All Natural Remedies
(13) WQED	Antiques Roadshow "Orlando, Florida"		The Lawrence Welk Show "Songs of the South"		Keeping Up Appearances	Are You Being Served?	As Time Goes By	Waiting for God	The New Red Green Show	Excellent Adventures	Roadtrip Nation	Rare Visions-Revelations	Great Performances "Eric Clapton Crossroads Guitar Festival Chicago" Eric Clapton leads an all-star blues lineup; host Bill Murray.					Stevie Ray Vaughan Live
(19) WPCW	Cold Case "Kensington"		Without a Trace A convict disappears during a prison fight.		Everybody-Raymond	According to Jim	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	The 10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Steelers TV	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Girls Behaving Badly	Showtime at the Apollo Soulja Boy; amateur. (N)		Girls Behaving Badly	Paid
(22) WPMY	Paid	Whacked Out	Family Guy	Family Guy	NFL Total Access (N)		Paradise Hotel 2		UFC Wired		Paid	Paid	One on One	One on One	My Wife-Kids	Paid	Soul Train	
(40) WPCB	Something Fresh		Breakthrough	Joseph Prince	Bananas		Theater	Heritage	Van Impe	Quick Study	Wisdom Keys	ATF TV	Greater Works Outreach		Theater	Extreme Life	Manna-Fest	Gospel Truth
(59) WBGN	TBA	Paid	TBA	Paid	Dead Like Me		Stargate SG-1 "Bounty"		It's Alive!				Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
A&E	★★★ True Lies (1994)				★★★ Die Hard With a Vengeance (1995)					Parking Wars	Flip This House		★★★ Die Hard With a Vengeance (1995)					Parking Wars
ABCFAM	★★ Uptown Girls (2003)				★★★ Mean Girls (2004)				★★★ Mean Girls (2004)				★★★½ Heathers (1989) Premiere.				Paid	Paid
AMC	★★½ Heartbreak Ridge (1986)				★★★★ Letters From Iwo Jima (2006) Premiere.					★★★★ Letters From Iwo Jima (2006)						★★½ Dante's Peak (1997)		
ANPL	Animal Cops Detroit		Animal Cops Detroit		Me or the Dog	Me or the Dog	Petfinder (N)	Animals	World's Ugliest Dog		Me or the Dog	Me or the Dog	Petfinder	Animals	World's Ugliest Dog		Animal Cops Detroit	
BBC	Doctor Who "Gridlock"		Doctor Who		Torchwood		Torchwood "Meat" (N)		The Graham Norton Show		Torchwood		Torchwood "Meat"		The Graham Norton Show		Torchwood	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live			Hell Date	Wayans Bros.	Wayans Bros.	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Motives (2004) A successful businessman cheats on his wife.				Comicview		Access	Access
BRAVO	Project Runway "On Garde!"		Project Runway		Project Runway		Project Runway		Kathy Griffin: Straight to Hell		Kathy Griffin: Everybody		Kathy Griffin: Strong Black		Outrageous Bravo Moments		★½ Friday the 13th, Part 2	
CMT	Dale (2005)		CMT Music	Truck	★★★½ Fried Green Tomatoes (1991)						Gone Country	Gone Country	Gone Country	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	CMT Music	
CNBC	Paid	Paid	Deal or No Deal		The Celebrity Apprentice		The Suze Orman Show (N)		Millionaire Inside: Debt		The Celebrity Apprentice		The Suze Orman Show		Deal or No Deal		Paid	Paid
CNN	Lou Dobbs This Week		This Week at War		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		CNN Saturday Night		Special Investigations	
COM	★★★ Bad Santa (2003)				Bill Engvall: 15 Deg. Off Cool		Larry the Cable Guy: Morning		Ron White: Fix Stupid		Ralphie May: Prime Cut		Jeff Foxworthy-Committed		Comedy Central Roast Jeff Foxworthy.			Comedy
COURT	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Evidence	Evidence	Arrest & Trial	Arrest & Trial	Hwood Heat	Hwood Heat	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Evidence	Evidence	Arrest & Trial	Arrest & Trial
CSPAN	Pres. Address	Commun.	America & the Courts		American Perspectives						American Perspectives						C-SPAN Weekend	
DISC	Dive to Bermuda Triangle		Dive to Bermuda Triangle		Some Assembly Required		MythBusters		Smash Lab		Some Assembly Required		Some Assembly Required		MythBusters		Smash Lab	
DISNEY	Han. Montana	Han. Montana	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Cory in House	★★ Beethoven's 4th (2001)				Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Replacements	Kim Possible	Emperor New	Dragon	Buzz Light	Timon
E!	Posh & Becks: THS		E! News Weekend		★★ Nine Months (1995)				Saturday Night Live		Chelsea	The Soup	What Is Sexy? 2008		Saturday Night Live		The Soup	Chelsea
ESPN	College Basketball Texas at Baylor.				College GameDay		College Basketball Michigan State at Indiana.				SportsCenter		Midnight	Fastbreak	SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPNC	College Basketball Yale at Pennsylvania.				College Basketball Villanova at St. John's.				Boxing: 1967 Ali vs. Folley		U.S. Poker Championship		U.S. Poker Championship		U.S. Poker Championship		U.S. Poker Championship	
ESPN2	College Basketball Holy Cross at Bucknell.				College Basketball Old Dominion at Virginia Commonwealth.				★★ 3 (2004)				★★ 3 (2004)				NBA Matchup	NASCAR
EWTN	Mother Angelica-Classic		Daily Mass: Our Lady		Vision of Freedom		Bookmark	Holy Rosary	Fr. John Corapi		The Journey Home		Daily Mass: Our Lady		Fr. Corapi		Vision of Freedom	
FNC	Fox News Live		Fox Report		Geraldo at Large		Special Programming		Red Eye		Jrnl Edit. Rpt	Beltway Boys	Geraldo at Large		The Line-Up		Red Eye	
FOOD	Desserts Unwrapped		Challenge Sugar showpieces.		Top American Restaurants		Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Iron Chef America		Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Iron Chef America	
FSN	Penguins	SportsBeat	SportsBeat	In My Words	Celebrity Sports Invitational		College Basketball Washington State at Oregon.				Final Score	Mind, Body	Toughest Cowboy (N)		Final Score	Women's College Basketball		
FX	★★½ Starsky & Hutch (2004)				★★½ Starsky & Hutch (2004) Two detectives investigate a cocaine dealer.					Dirt "Come Together"		Dirt Lucy has trouble sleeping.		Dirt		Married...	Build Wealth	Paid
GOLF	Post Game	LPGA Tour Golf SBS Open at Turtle Bay — Final Round. From Oahu, Hawaii.					Golf Central		PGA Tour Golf: Champions — Ace Group Classic				Golf Central		LPGA Tour Golf SBS Open at Turtle Bay — Final Round.			
GSN	Dog Eat Dog		Greed		Be a Millionaire		Family Feud	Family Feud	How Much	Chain	Lingo	Whammy	Be a Millionaire		Twenty One		Body	Beat-Clock
HALL	★★ A Season for Miracles		What I Did for Love (2006)				★★½ South Pacific (2001) A Navy nurse falls for a plantation owner during World War II.						★★½ Sarah, Plain and Tall: Winter's End (1999)				Walker, Texas Ranger	
HGTV	Get It	24-Hr Design	House Worth?	House	Designed-Sell	Deserving	Color Splash	Divine Design	Design-Dime	Find Style	Color Correct.	Get It	Designed-Sell	Deserving	Color Splash	Divine Design	Design-Dime	Find Style
HIST	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Shockwave		Shockwave		Shockwave		Shockwave		Shockwave		Shockwave		Shockwave	
LIFE	Fighting the Odds		★★ The Fantasia Barrino Story: Life Is Not a Fairy Tale				Racing for Time (2008) Premiere.				Good Naked	Good Naked	Grey's Anatomy		Desperate Housewives		Paid	Paid
MSNBC	Tim Russert		Murder on Lovers Lane		A Deadly Affair		MSNBC Investigates		The Mind of Manson		A Deadly Affair		MSNBC Investigates		The Mind of Manson		Tim Russert	
MTV	MTV's Most Valuable Players		America's Best Dance Crew		Real World-Road Rules		Real World-Road Rules		Making the Band 4		Making the Band 4		Making the Band 4		MTV's Most Valuable Players		Parent Control	Parent Control
NICK	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	iCarly	Naked	Drake & Josh	Ned's School	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Cosby Show	Cosby Show
OXY	★★½ Center Stage (2000)				★ Coyote Ugly (2000)				★ Coyote Ugly (2000)				★★½ Two Weeks Notice (2002)				Bad Girls	Bad Girls
PCN	PA Public Affairs		High School Wrestling Danville at Warrior Run.				PA Public Affairs						Pa. Books Rich Westcott.		PA Public Affairs		Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	News		News	News	Best of NightTalk		News		Best of Honsberger Live		News		Paid	Paid	News	Paid	Paid	News
SCIFI	★★ The Gravedancers		★★½ Final Destination 2 (2003)				★★ The Grudge (2004) Premiere.				★★ Cursed (2005)				★ Jason X (2002)			
SPIKE	The Kill Point "Visiting Hours"		The Kill Point		The Kill Point				Pros vs. Joes		TNA iMPACT! Kurt Angle; NASCAR drivers invade TNA.				★★★½ The Hunt for Red October (1990)			
TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	King	King	★★★ Hitch (2005) A smooth-talker helps a shy accountant woo an heiress.					★★★ The Legend of Bagger Vance (2000)					★★½ Pay It Forward (2000)			
TCM	★★★ The Rainmaker (1956)				★★★★ On Golden Pond (1981)				★★★ Steel Magnolias (1989) Premiere.				★★★ The Big Chill (1983)				★★★½ Absence of Malice	
TLC	Property Ladder		My First Home Biloxi, Miss.		Flip House	Flip House	Trading Spaces (N)		Frst Home	Frst Home	Flip House	Flip House	Trading Spaces		Frst Home	Frst Home	My First Home Biloxi, Miss.	
TNT	Inside the NBA		Slam Dunk Contest: Airborne		All-Star Pre.	NBA Basketball 2008 All-Star Skills Competition.					Swimsuit 2008	★★★ Spider-Man (2002)					★★★ Men in Black (1997)	
TOON	Ed, Edd n	Squirrel Boy	Scooby-Doo	Courage-Dog	Goosebumps		Naruto (N)	Naruto (N)	One Piece (N)	Dragon Ball Z	Birdman	Venture Bros.	Frisky Dingo	Death Note	Bleach	Blood Plus (N)	Birdman	Venture Bros.
TRAVEL	Earth's Natural Wonders		World Poker Tour				World Poker Tour				World Poker Tour				World Poker Tour			
TVLAND	★★½ Footloose (1984)		★★½ Flashdance (1983) Premiere.				★★★ Say Anything... (1989) Premiere.				Extreme Makeover: Home		Just Shoot	Just Shoot	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Sanford	Jeffersons
USA	Psych		Monk		NCIS "Hiatus"		NCIS "Hiatus"		NCIS "Shalom"		House "Frozen"		★★½ Bruce Almighty (2003)				WWE A.M. Raw	
VH1	Best Week	Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		Salt N Pepa	The Flavor of Love		★★½ Roll Bounce (2005) A roller-skater prepares for a big showdown.					Best Week	Celebrity Rehab		Free Radio	The Flavor of Love		Salt N Pepa
VS.	World Combat League		PBR Bullrides	PBR Bullrides	Bull Riding: PBR Copenhagen Challenger				Turkey Rev.	Huntley Way	Bull Riding: PBR Copenhagen Challenger				Turkey Rev.	Huntley Way	PBR Bullrides	PBR Bullrides
WE	Fab Wedding	Fab Wedding	Fab Wedding	Fab Wedding	★★★ Father of the Bride (1991)				★★★ Father of the Bride (1991)				Fab Wedding	Fab Wedding	Fab Wedding	Fab Wedding	Wedding Central	
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	★★ Blink (1994)				WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Reno 911!	Reno 911!	24 "Day 6: 12 Noon-1PM"		★★★ Blood and Wine (1996)		
ENC	Under Siege 2	★½ 10 Things I Hate About You (1999)			★★★ Independence Day (1996)					★★ Little Man (2006)			★★½ They Live (1988)			★★½ I'm Gonna Git You Sucka (1988)		
HBO	★ Epic Movie	★½ Billy Madison (1995)			★★½ Night at the Museum (2006) Premiere.				Comedy Jam	★★½ Miami Vice (2006)				★★ Beerfest (2006) Brothers play beer games in Germany.				48 HRS.
MAX	★★★ Die Hard 2 (1990)				★★ Final Destination 3 (2006)				★★★ Music and Lyrics (2007) Premiere.				Best Sex Ever	Bare Naked Desires (2007)			★★★ Die Hard 2 (1990)	
SHOW	The Lost City	★★★½ The Truman Show (1998)				★★½ Crank (2006) Premiere.			Elite Xtreme Combat					The L Word		★★ Hostel (2006)		
STARZ	★ Ultraviolet (2006)		★★½ Stomp the Yard (2007)				★★½ Vacancy (2007) Premiere.			★★★ Glory Road (2006)				★★ Step Up (2006)				Stomp Yard
TMC	Rx (2005)			★★ The Pink Panther (2006)			Population 436 (2006) Premiere.			Masters of Horror		Population 436 (2006)			Masters of Horror		★★½ Premium (2006)	

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Marquette destroys Pitt

Wesley Matthews and Marquette had plenty to laugh about Friday night. **3B**

Valley SPORTS

First day of spring

Spring training began for the Pirates Friday, and new manager John Russell called the workout "outstanding." **3B**

Spygate victims

Dan Rooney says the Patriots may have taped Steelers coaches, but that didn't affect the outcome of games. **3B**

Sports Trivia

Who holds the record for most points scored in an NBA All-Star Game? **3B**

Last night's scores

Atlanta 4, New Jersey 3, SO
Florida 4, Washington 2
Columbus 5, Detroit 1

Monessen now Class A favorite

Top-seeded North Catholic upset while Greyhounds blast Geibel.

By BRIAN HERMAN
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CHARLEROI — Forget about a Monessen-North Catholic girls matchup in Friday's WPIAL Class A basketball championship game at Duquesne University's A.J. Palumbo Center.

Unbeaten and second seed Monessen (25-0) may still get there following Friday's 69-40 quarterfinal romp over Geibel at Charleroi.

However, top seed North Catholic won't after getting knocked off by Avonworth, 32-29, at North Hills.

Despite winning by 29 points, Monessen coach Major Corley didn't like what he saw against the much-smaller Lady Gators.

"This wasn't one of our better games," said Corley. "We started slow again and didn't get in our correct offense. We were just out there."

Nonetheless, it didn't take Monessen long to beat Geibel for the second time this season.

After Geibel's Nicole Ardabell opened the scoring with 23 seconds gone to give Geibel a 2-0 lead, the Lady Gators didn't score again until Rebecca Sandor hit the second of two free throws 57 seconds into the second quarter.

By that time Monessen had a 17-3 lead.

"We hit our peak in the middle of the second period but Geibel was scrappy," said Corley.

"Their physical strength was the difference," said Geibel coach Pat Klocek. "We played hard but they were much stronger than us. They find a way to win which good teams do and they're a good team."

Monessen led 31-15 at halftime and 43-22 going into the fourth quarter.

The trio of Kelly Mornak (18), Christina Chukwuedo (16) and Samone Stepoli (11) combined for 45 points to outscore Geibel.

Sarah Erdely (11) and Julianne Speeney (10) looked best for Geibel (18-7).

Monessen had a field day on the boards, pulling down 65 rebounds with Stepoli, Breane Minardi and Melissa Popovich sharing game honors with 11, one more than Jessica Diggs. Mornak and Chukwuedo each added eight.

Next up for Monessen Tuesday in the semifinals is Vincentian Academy (17-8), a 66-53 winner over Quigley.

Corley, however, remains cautious and isn't doing any looking ahead.

"If we want to get to the finals we're going to have to play a lot better," he said. "Tonight we played the way we practiced with everyone wanting to joke around. We have to practice and play harder."

LEFTOVERS: Monessen got a scare midway in the third quarter when Chukwuedo left the contest with an eye injury, but she returned after missing three minutes. "She got hit between the eye and nose and was having trouble breathing," said Corley ... Senior reserve Jessica Beveridge came off the bench to score seven of her nine points in the first half ... Monessen missed 15 of 31 free throws ... Geibel's leading scorer Mia White, a Monessen native, was limited to six points with four coming in the final 3:10.

Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Monessen's Christina Chukwuedo gets off a shot past Geibel defender Julianne Speeney during the Greyhounds' win Friday night.

Bentworth's Jon Kennedy (20) takes a shot in Friday's win over California. At far left is Clay Roman. Attempting to block the shot is California's Ben Carson, and at far right is Travis VanOlst.

Jim Ference/ The Valley Independent

Bentworth blitzes Cal early

Trojans unable to fully recover from 16-2 deficit.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP — The first quarter of his team's 59-43 loss to Bentworth must have seemed like an eternity to California coach Phil Pergola.

After all, his team fell behind 16-2 heading into the second quarter.

"When you are down that much, there isn't a lot that you did right," he said, noting the Trojans' one-for-16 from the field in the opening frame, including zero-for-eight from downtown. "Give Bentworth credit. They came out shooting well and they played a great game."

Bentworth coach Bob Kennedy was shocked at what he saw early.

"I was surprised and it made me nervous," he said. "Every team goes on a run and I knew they would get back into the game."

That is exactly what California did in the second quarter, but the Trojans did most of it without their leader, Donte Valentino, who picked up his third foul with 5:46 left in the first half.

"We clawed back into it and could have been up at the half," Pergola said of his team that trimmed a 19-6 deficit when Valentino left the game to 28-24 at the half.

During the run, Travis VanOlst scored eight points for California, with six coming off of offensive rebounds.

Kennedy was not surprised the Trojans went on their run.

"Almost every team does it when their star goes out," Kennedy said. "It usually lasts three to four minutes and that is how they got back in the game."

After Dom Roach banked in a 13-foot jumper to cut the Bentworth lead to 28-26 with 7:44 left in the third quarter, Bentworth went on a 9-2 run to make the score 37-28 and the lead never got within seven the rest of the game.

"We played well in the third quarter and we kept the pressure on them," Kennedy said. "And our transition offense was working. We did not let them back into the game."

"We got back into it but we used up so much energy right off of the bat," Pergola said. "We started making mental mistakes."

With the win, Kennedy said his players are one step closer to keeping a promise they made to him years ago.

"When this group was younger, I always took them to the Palumbo Center to watch (championship) games," he said. "They told me that because I always took them, they wanted to take me. We are one step away."

Valentino was not only plagued by foul trouble all game, but he had the flu and it was obvious because he did not play at his normal lightning-fast pace.

However, Pergola would not use Valentino's sickness as an excuse.

"Donte has played sick before," he said. "Would it have made a difference if he was healthy? I am sure, but we will never know."

Bentworth will now take on Wilkinsburg (14-10), which defeated Monaca 54-37.

California's fate lies in the hands of Bentworth. If the Bearcats win the WPIAL Class A title, the Trojans will make the PIAA tournament.

If Bentworth does not win the title,

(See CALIFORNIA, Page 3B)

Hot team set to face Monessen

Canevin will meet Hounds today after upsetting defending champ Aliquippa.

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CARROLL TOWNSHIP — "In the playoffs anything can happen."

That's how Monessen High boys' basketball coach Joe Salvino summed up Canevin's 71-60 upset of defending WPIAL Class AA champion Aliquippa 48 hours ago.

As a result, the Greyhounds (19-5) are playing Canevin (14-12) at noon today at Ringgold in the quarterfinals instead of the Quips.

It was a year ago that the Quips routed Monessen, 95-64, in the quarterfinals at Woodland Hills.

Although Canevin pulled off the biggest upset to date in the boys' field, the Crusaders' coach Adam Kaufman didn't think it was that big a shocker.

"To be honest we were more comfortable playing Aliquippa than Burgettstown," he said. "We're an up-tempo team with good ball handlers and athletic guards."

Before surprising Aliquippa, Canevin had to go overtime to edge Burgettstown, 54-53, at Trinity.

The Crusaders were down by three with nine seconds left and ended up winning when Brian Billiken scored at the buzzer.

Burgettstown coach Ed Goetz was impressed with the Crusaders.

"They're a very underrated team," he said. "They're a perimeter team with four guards outside and are a tough matchup for a lot of teams.'

Billigen, a 6-2 junior who missed six games early in the season, is Canevin's big star.

Billigen is averaging 28 points in the playoffs and is coming off a 34-point game against Aliquippa.

"He's a slasher and tough to defend," said Goetz.

Another threat is 6-3 senior point guard Steve Macklin, who scored 20 points against Aliquippa with three treys.

Canevin is no stranger to the playoffs, winning 43 games in the previous two seasons and lost in the WPIAL title game to Aliquippa, 57-52, in 2006.

The Crusaders made the playoffs as the fourth place team in Section 3 with an 8-6 record behind South Fayette, Seton-LaSalle and Brentwood.

Salvino, meanwhile, will go with the starting five of senior Tim Tyree, juniors Delmar Pritchett and Kevin Parker, sophomore David Jeffries and freshman Terrance Stepoli, which led a convincing 92-55 rout over Ford City.

SPORTS

High school basketball playoffs

Boys
Class AAAA
Quarterfinals

Central Catholic 63, Canon-McMillan 47
McKeesport 45, Upper St. Clair 43
Norwin 60, North Allegheny 59
Moon 50, Franklin Regional 45

Semifinals
Tuesday
Sites to be determined

Moon (19-6) vs Norwin (20-6)
Central Catholic (21-4) vs McKeesport (19-3)

Class AAA
First Round
Quarterfinals
Today
At North Allegheny

Noon - Hopewell (19-5) vs Keystone Oaks (15-10)
3 p.m. - Chartiers Valley (23-2) vs Steel Valley (17-5)

At North Hills

1:30 p.m. - Ambridge (10-15) vs Blackhawk (20-5)

At Baldwin

3 p.m. - Highlands (20-4) vs Greensburg Salem (20-5)

Class AA
Quarterfinals
Today
At Ringgold

Noon - Monessen (19-5) vs Canevin (14-12)
3 p.m. - Beaver Falls (20-3) vs Greensburg Central (18-8)

At Ambridge

2:30 p.m. - North Catholic (22-3) vs Riverside (24-1)

At Baldwin

Noon - Jeannette (17-4) vs South Fayette (20-5)

Class A
Quarterfinals

Bentworth 59, California 43
Union 56, Lincoln Place 54
Serra 70, St. Joseph 34
Wilkinsburg 54, Monaca 37

Semifinals
Tuesday
Sites to be determined

Union (16-6) vs Serra (23-2)
Bentworth (17-7) vs Wilkinsburg (14-10)

Girls
Class AAAA
Friday
Quarterfinals

Oakland Catholic 58, Norwin 55
Peters Township 53, Butler 51
Upper St. Clair 57, New Castle 45
Mt. Lebanon 45 Woodland Hills 32

Semifinals
Tuesday
Sites to be determined

Upper St. Clair (20-5) vs Oakland Catholic (16-10)
Peters Township (19-7) vs Mt.. Lebanon (24-2)

Class AAA
Quarterfinals
Today
At North Allegheny

1:30 p.m. - Hopewell (20-4) vs Chartiers Valley (19-6)

At North Hills

Noon - West Mifflin (22-3) vs Blackhawk (17-9)
3 p.m. - Hampton (23-2) vs Ambridge (16-8)

At Baldwin

1:30 p.m. - Indiana (22-3) vs West Allegheny (14-11)

Class AA
Quarterfinals
Today
At Chartiers Valley

3 p.m. - Sacred Heart (23-1) vs Sto-Rox (16-7)
4:30 p.m. - Washington (23-1) vs Beaver Falls (16-6)

At Ringgold

1:30 p.m. - Greensburg Central (17-7) vs South Park (18-8)

At Ambridge

1 p.m. - Riverside (18-07) vs Ford City (19-6)

Class A
Friday
Quarterfinals

Monessen 69, Geibel 40
Vincentian Academy 66, Quigley 53
Mt. Alvernia 59, Serra 55
Avonworth 32, North Catholic 29

Semifinals
Tuesday
Sites to be determined

Monessen (25-0) vs Vincentian Academy (17-8)
Mt. Alvernia (15-8) vs Avonworth (14-9)

High school basketball lineups

Boys
Bentworth - 59

Selvoski, 0-0-0; Jon Kennedy, 13-3-30; Joe Kennedy, 5-0-13; Bular, 5-4-14; Jansante, 1-0-2; Sevcik, 0-0-0; Roman, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 24, F - 7 (16), T - 59.

California - 43

Valentino, 2-0-4; Tr. VanOlst, 6-0-12; Michaux, 0-0-0; Carson, 5-0-10; Roach, 5-1-11; Tyler, 2-1-6; Shen, 0-0-0; Booth, 0-0-0; Ty. VanOlst, 0-0-0; Joseph, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 20, F - 2 (7), T - 43.

Score by quarters:

Bentworth	16	12	19	12	- 59
California	2	22	10	9	- 43

Three-pointers: Bentworth - Joe Kennedy 3, Jon Kennedy. California - Tyler.

Girls
Monessen - 69

Stepoli, 4-3-11; Popovich, 1-0-2; Minardi, 4-1-9; Mornak, 8-2-18; Chukwuedo, 4-8-16; Beveridge, 3-2-9; Diggs, 1-0-2; Turner, 1-0-2. Totals; FG - 26, F - 16 (310, T - 69.

Geibel - 40

Dowden, 1-1-4; Speeney, 2-2-6; Ardabell, 5-=0-10; Erdely, 5-1-11; White, 2-26; Sandor, 1-1-3; M. Martin, 0-0-0; Ciarochi, 0-0-0; Beck, 0-0-0; Berish, 0-0-0; G. Martin, 0-0-0. Totals; FG - 16, F - 7 (11), T - 40.

Score by quarters:

Monessen	13	18	15	23	- 69
Geibel	2	13	9	16	- 40

Three-pointers: Monessen - Beveridge. Geibel - Dowden.

Arinze Onuaku and Syracuse will host Georgetown at noon on ESPN.

Weekend sports dial

Today
Television

Noon - Channel 4 - Connecticut at South Florida, college basketball.
Noon - ESPN - Georgetown at Syracuse, college basketball.
1 p.m. - Channel 2 - Virginia Tech at North Carolina, college basketball.
1:15 p.m. - ESPN2 - Camping World 300, auto racing.
2 p.m. - ESPN - Louisville at Providence, college basketball.
2 p.m.- Fox Sports - Seton Hall at Marquette, women's college basketball.
3 p.m. - Channel 2 - Northern Trust Open, golf.
4 p.m. - ESPN - Arkansas at Mississippi State, college basketball.
4 p.m. - Fox Sports - Robert Morris at St. Francis (N.Y.), college basketball.
4 p.m. - Versus - San Diego State at Utah, college basketball.
6 p.m. - ESPN - Texas at Baylor, college basketball.
6 p.m. - ESPN2 - Holy Cross at Bucknell, college basketball.
8 p.m. - ESPN2 - Old Dominion at Virginia Commonwealth, college basketball.
8:30 p.m. - TNT - All-Star Skill Competition, pro basketball.
9 p.m. - Fox Sports - Washington State at Oregon, college basketball.

Radio

3 p.m. - WCAL (91.9 FM) - Lock Haven at California, women's college basketball.
5 p.m. - WCAL (91.9 FM) - Lock Haven at California, college basketball.

Sunday
Television

12:30 p.m. - ESPN - Pepsi Championship, bowling.
1 p.m. - Channel 2 - Ohio State at Michigan, college basketball.
1:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - Oklahoma at Baylor, women's college basketball.
2 p.m. - Channel 53 - Daytona 500, auto racing.
3 p.m. - Channel 2 - Northern Trust Open, golf.
3:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - Duke at Wake Forest, women's college basketball.
3:30 p.m. - Channel 11 - Detroit at Dallas, hockey
4 p.m. - ESPN2 - Texas tech at Texas A&M. women's college basketball.
5:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - Maryland at Duke, women's college basketball.
7:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - Duke at Wake Forest, college basketball.
8:30 p.m. - TNT - NBA All-Star Game, pro basketball.
10 p.m. - Fox Sports - UCLA at Southern California, college basketball.

Sports moves

BASEBALL
American League

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with C Matt LeCroy on a minor league contract. Announced the retirement of C Jeremy Brown.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with LHP Erik Bedard on a one-year contract.

TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with INF Joaquin Arias, OF Brandon Boggs, OF Nelson Cruz, RHP Scott Feldman, LHP Kason Gabbard, OF Josh Hamilton, LHP Matt Harrison, 2B Ian Kinsler, RHP Kameron Loe, RHP Luis Mendoza, C Max Ramirez, LHP John Rheinecker, RHP Joshua Rupe and C Jarrod Saltalamacchia.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with 2B Brandon Phillips on a four-year contract.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with SS J.J. Hardy on a one-year contract.

NEW YORK METS—Named Sandy Alomar Jr. catching instructor. Agreed to terms with OF Brady Clark on a minor league contract.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS—Released TE Alge Crumpler, QB Byron Leftwich, DT Rod Coleman, OT Wayne Gandy, CB Lewis Sanders, WR Jamin Elliott and LB Marcus Wilkins.

DENVER BRONCOS—Placed WR Rod Smith on the reserve/retired list.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Released G John Welbourn.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Named Chris Foerster offensive line coach. Signed P Ricky Schmitt.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

DETROIT RED WINGS—Recalled D kyle Quincey from Grand Rapids (AHL).

LOS ANGELES KINGS—Recalled F Teddy Purcell from Manchester (AHL).

PHOENIX COYOTES—Assigned RW Bill Thomas to San Antonio (AHL).

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Recalled F Connor James and F Chris Minard from Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL). Assigned D Alex Goligoski to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton.

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	32	21	5	69	153	140
Pittsburgh	32	21	5	69	170	158
Philadelphia	30	22	5	65	181	165
N.Y. Rangers	28	24	7	63	144	147
N.Y. Islanders	26	25	7	59	143	171

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	34	19	5	73	199	172
Montreal	30	19	9	69	180	164
Buffalo	28	21	8	64	171	157
Boston	29	23	5	63	149	154
Toronto	23	27	9	55	161	190

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta	29	27	4	62	164	191
Carolina	29	27	4	62	175	189
Washington	27	26	6	60	168	183
Florida	27	27	6	60	163	170
Tampa Bay	25	27	6	56	169	190

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	41	14	5	87	195	135
Nashville	30	23	6	66	170	162
Columbus	27	24	9	63	148	156
St. Louis	26	22	8	60	146	160
Chicago	26	25	6	58	163	163

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	33	21	4	70	162	156
Calgary	29	20	8	66	165	164
Colorado	30	23	5	65	164	160
Vancouver	28	22	8	64	153	150
Edmonton	27	27	5	59	158	174

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	35	21	5	75	178	153
Anaheim	32	22	7	71	150	151
San Jose	31	18	8	70	151	140
Phoenix	29	25	4	62	160	161
Los Angeles	24	32	3	51	167	194

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Friday's Games

Atlanta 4, New Jersey 3, SO
Columbus 5, Detroit 1
Florida 4, Washington 2
Dallas at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Calgary at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Today's Games

Buffalo at N.Y. Rangers, 1 p.m.
Florida at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Edmonton at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Colorado at Chicago, 1 p.m.
San Jose at N.Y. Rangers, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Dallas, 3:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Columbus at St. Louis, 6 p.m.
Montreal at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Anaheim, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

College basketball

MEN
EAST

Brown 66, Penn 61
Columbia 59, Dartmouth 50
Cornell 72, Harvard 71
Manhattan 83, Marist 62
Yale 67, Princeton 56

SOUTH

Jacksonville 76, North Florida 70, OT

MIDWEST

Marquette 72, Pittsburgh 54

WOMEN
EAST

Brown 72, Penn 59
Columbia 58, Dartmouth 55
Cornell 85, Harvard 61
Loyola, Md. 55, Rider 49
Manhattan 82, Iona 57
Marist 66, Niagara 51
St. Peter's 66, Canisius 50
Yale 78, Princeton 57

SOUTH

Davidson 76, UNC-Greensboro 50
East Carolina 68, Southern Miss. 63
Marshall 71, UCF 64
North Carolina 90, Virginia 82

MIDWEST

Illinois St. 91, Indiana St. 56

FAR WEST

N. Arizona 71, Montana St. 70

PSAC standings

Men
Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
California	7	0	17	4
Edinboro	7	1	17	5
Indiana	4	3	12	10
Clarion	4	4	12	10
Slippery Rock	3	5	5	17
Lock Haven	2	6	2	20
Shippensburg	0	8	6	17

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Cheyney	7	1	15	6
Kutztown	7	1	15	7
Millersville	6	2	17	6
Mansfield	3	5	15	8
East Stroudsburg	2	5	14	8
West Chester	2	5	12	11
Bloomsburg	0	8	8	14

Today

Lock Haven at California (5 p.m.)
Edinboro at Indiana
Clarion at Shippensburg
Bloomsburg at Kutztown
Mansfield at Cheyney
West Chester at East Stroudsburg
Penn State-New Kensington at Slippery Rock

Women
Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Indiana	6	1	21	2
Shippensburg	5	3	17	6
Clarion	5	3	15	7
California	4	3	17	5
Edinboro	4	4	14	8
Lock Haven	2	6	7	15
Slippery Rock	1	7	7	16

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Millersville	8	0	19	4
West Chester	5	2	14	8
Cheyney	5	3	9	13
East Stroudsburg	3	4	9	12
Kutztown	3	5	10	13
Bloomsburg	2	6	7	16
Mansfield	1	7	6	17

Today

Lock Haven at California (3 p.m.)
Edinboro at Indiana
Clarion at Shippensburg
Bloomsburg at Kutztown
Mansfield at Cheyney
West Chester at East Stroudsburg

Latest Line

BEST BET: Central Michigan is just 3-6 vs. the spread its last 9 games against Eastern Michigan. The Eagles are averaging 69.2 points per game at home this season and are 7-3 vs. the spread their last 12 home games. The Chippewas are allowing 74.4 points per game on the road this season and that will be the difference today. Take Eastern Michigan -4 1/2 for another Best Bet winner.

NBA

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Sunday, Feb 17		
All-Star Game		
New Orleans Arena-New Orleans, LA.		
West	7 1/2	East

College Basketball

Favorite	Points	Underdog
J. MADISON	4 1/2	Hofstra
Georgetown	2	SYRACUSE
Connecticut	6 1/2	SOUTH FLORIDA
Kentucky	2	LSU
N. CAROLIN	15	Virginia Tech
KANSAS	26	Colorado
DELAWARE	5 1/2	Drexel
Illinois State	2	INDIANA STATE
Drake	3 1/2	N. IOWA
Northeastern	2 1/2	GA STATE
WISCONSIN	11	Minnesota
Akron	3 1/2	BOWLING GR.
BRADLEY	2 1/2	Creighton
Louisville	6	PROVIDENCE
E. MICHIGAN	4 1/2	C. Michigan
BUTLER	15	Cleveland State
Tennessee	10 1/2	GEORGIA
MARYLAND	9 1/2	Florida State
VANDERBILT	6 1/2	Florida
Clemson	6	N. CAROLINA ST
KENT STATE	7	Ohio
ARIZONA	2 1/2	Stanford
TEXAS A&M	14	Oklahoma State
DAYTON	3 1/2	Temple
IOWA STATE	2	Nebraska
UTAH	8 1/2	San Diego St
SAN JOSE ST	10	Louisiana Tech
TEXAS TECH	2 1/2	Oklahoma
MISS. ST	6 1/2	Arkansas
TOWSON ST	2	William & Mary
W. Kentucky	7	MID. TENN ST
Purdue	9	NORTHWESTERN
DETROIT	2 1/2	Loyola Chicago
MISSISSIPPI	14 1/2	Auburn
AIR FORCE	7	Wyoming
ARIZONA ST	4	California
KANSAS ST	10	Missouri
BAYLOR	2	Texas
G. MASON	13 1/2	NC Wilmington
ST. BONA	2 1/2	G. Washington
S. Illinois	2	WICHITA STATE
Southern Miss	4	EAST CAROLINA
DARTMOUTH	No Line	Cornell
Illinois	3 1/2	PENN STATE
CS FULLER.	8	Pacific
HARVARD	No Line	Columbia
DUQUESNE	14	Richmond
S. CAROLINA	2 1/2	Alabama
WRIGHT STATE	4 1/2	Illinois Chicago
PENN	No Line	Yale
MARSHALL	2	Tulane
Miami-Ohio	7	BUFFALO
VA C'WEALTH	9 1/2	Old Dominion
Washington	7	OREGON STATE
PRINCETON	No Line	Brown
Gonzaga	16	SAN FRANCISCO
TULSA	3 1/2	Texas El Paso
NORTH TEXAS	11 1/2	Troy
HOUSTON	19	Smu
Central Florida	10	RICE
WISC MILW.	4 1/2	Wisc Green Bay
VALPARAISO	12	Youngstown St
Villanova	2	ST. JOHN'S
Memphis	9	ALA-BIRM.
S. ALABAMA	17	Florida Atlantic
ARKANSAS ST	2	La-Lafayette
ARK L. ROCK	4 1/2	New Orleans
LA-MONROE	5 1/2	Denver
MISSOURI ST	13 1/2	Evansville
OREGON	2	Washington St.
BOISE STATE	10	Fresno State
INDIANA	5 1/2	Michigan State
SAN DIEGO	13	Portland
BYU	6	Nevada LV
NEW MEXICO	15 1/2	Tcu
Nevada	10	IDAHO
Cal S. Barbara	9	UC DAVIS
CS N'RIDGE	18	Cal Riverside
St. Mary's, CA	21	LOY. M'MOUNT
Santa Clara	4 1/2	PEPPERDINE
HAWAII	1	Utah State
SIENA	6 1/2	Loyola Maryland
Tenn Chatt.	9	THE CITADEL
Rider	5	FAIRFIELD
CANISIUS	2	St. Peter's
DAVIDSON	25	Furman
NC GREENS	5 1/2	App. State
Morehead St	2	JACKS. ST
CHARLESTON	12	W. Carolina
NIAGARA	9 1/2	Iona
TENN.MARTIN	9 1/2	SE Missouri St
GA SOUTHERN	11	Elon
E. Kentucky	1	SAMFORD
MURRAY ST	15 1/2	Eastern Illinois
AUSTIN PEAY	8 1/2	Tennessee Tech
MONTANA	5	Northern Arizona
PORTLAND ST	9	Weber State
E. WASH.	6 1/2	Idaho State

NHL

Favorite	Goals	Underdog
NY RANGERS	Even-1/2	Buffalo
MONTREAL	Even-1/2	Philadelphia
OTTAWA	1/2-1	New Jersey
NY ISL.	Even-1/2	Atlanta
CAROLINA	1/2-1	Florida
TORONTO	Even-1/2	Boston
TAMPA BAY	1/2-1	Washington
NASHVILLE	Even-1/2	St. Louis
PHOENIX	1/2-1	Los Angeles
VANCOUVER	1/2-1	Edmonton

HOME TEAM IN CAPS

Pitt lineups

PITTSBURGH (19-6)

Brown 2-5 1-1 5, Young 8-16 2-2 18, Blair 3-8 0-0 6, Benjamin 3-6 0-0 7, Ramon 1-7 2-2 4, Fields 1-7 2-2 4, Biggs 4-6 1-1 9, Wanamaker 0-2 1-2 1, McGhee 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 22-59 9-10 54.

MARQUETTE (18-6)

Hayward 2-6 0-0 5, Barro 6-6 2-4 14, James 2-11 0-0 4, McNeal 8-13 0-0 17, Matthews 3-5 4-6 10, Christopherson 0-0 0-0 0, Acker 1-2 2-2 4, Hazel 0-0 0-0 0, Fitzgerald 2-6 0-2 5, Cubillan 4-7 2-2 13, Burke 0-0 0-0 0, Blackledge 0-0 0-0 0, Mbakwe 0-1 0-0 0, Brice 0-0 0-0 0, Frozena 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-57 10-16 72.

Halftime—Marquette 33-24. 3-Point Goals—Pittsburgh 1-11 (Benjamin 1-1, Fields 0-1, Young 0-1, Wanamaker 0-1, Brown 0-3, Ramon 0-4), Marquette 6-24 (Cubillan 3-5, Hayward 1-3, McNeal 1-4, Fitzgerald 1-5, Matthews 0-1, James 0-6). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Pittsburgh 33 (Benjamin 6), Marquette 36 (Barro 12). Assists—Pittsburgh 12 (Ramon 6), Marquette 20 (James 12). Total Fouls—Pittsburgh 17, Marquette 15. A—19,011. A—19,011.

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	41	9	.820	—
Toronto	28	23	.549	13 1/2
New Jersey	23	30	.434	19 1/2
Philadelphia	23	30	.434	19 1/2
New York	15	37	.288	27

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	33	21	.611	—
Washington	25	27	.481	7
Atlanta	21	28	.429	9 1/2
Charlotte	19	34	.358	13 1/2
Miami	9	42	.176	22 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	39	13	.750	—
Cleveland	29	23	.558	10
Chicago	21	31	.404	18
Indiana	21	32	.396	18 1/2
Milwaukee	19	34	.358	20 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	36	15	.706	—
San Antonio	34	17	.667	2
Dallas	35	18	.660	2
Houston	32	20	.615	4 1/2
Memphis	14	38	.269	22 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	34	19	.642	—
Denver	32	20	.615	1 1/2
Portland	28	24	.538	5 1/2
Seattle	13	38	.255	20
Minnesota	10	41	.196	23

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	37	16	.698	—
L.A. Lakers	35	17	.673	1 1/2
Golden State	32	20	.615	4 1/2
Sacramento	23	28	.451	13
L.A. Clippers	17	33	.340	18 1/2

Friday's Games

No games scheduled

Today's Games

No games scheduled

Sunday's Game

All-Star Game at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.

Fight schedule

Today

At Nuernberg Arena, Nuremberg, Germany, Nikolai Valuev, Russia, vs. Sergei Liakhovich, Belarus, 12, WBA heavyweight eliminator.

At MGM Grand, Las Vegas (PPV), Kelly Pavlik, Youngstown, Ohio, vs. Jermain Taylor, Little Rock, Ark., 12, middleweights; Fernando Montiel, Mexico, vs. Martin Castillo, Los Angeles, 12, for Montiel's WBO super flyweight title; Cristian Mijares, Mexico, vs. Jose Navarro, Los Angeles, 12, for Mijares' WBC super flyweight title; Sergio Martinez, Spain, vs. Eduardo Sanchez, Hollywood, Calif., 10, super welterweights.

Feb. 22

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (ESPN2), Richard Gutierrez, Colombia, vs. Miguel Angel Vasquez, Mexico, 10, welterweights; Yurlorkis Gamboa, Cuba, vs. Johnnie Edwards, Florence, S.C., 10, junior lightweights

At Morongo Casino Resort & Spa, Cabazon, Calif., Enrique Ornelas, Mexico, vs. Norberto Bravo, Tucson, Ariz., 12, for Ornelas' NABF middleweight title; Nestor Rocha, Montebello, Calif., vs. Javier Cintron, Puerto Rico, 10, bantamweights.

Several NBA stars in limbo

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Kobe Bryant will start for the Western Conference in the All-Star game, and Jason Kidd will be in the lineup for the East.

Probably.

But with Bryant's right pinkie in a splint and Kidd stuck somewhere between New Jersey and Dallas in the midst of a trade on hold, nothing was a guarantee for either player Friday.

Bryant said he'd "rather not play" Sunday night, but doesn't think he has a choice. NBA policy dictates that if a player is healthy enough to play in the final game before the break and the first one after, he won't be excused from the All-Star game. Bryant is hardly pleased with the rule.

"But what can you do?" he said. "I don't want to be suspended, miss a game."

It wasn't clear if Bryant would in fact be suspended if he sat out. He expected the Lakers to talk to the league about his options, and couldn't say for sure if he would play.

Bryant played Wednesday night in Minnesota, then returned to Los Angeles and was diagnosed with a torn ligament in the finger. He declined the doctor's recommendation of surgery, even though he said Lakers owner Jerry Buss encouraged such an option to prevent a longer-lasting injury.

Bryant already pulled out of today's 3-point contest and was replaced by Dirk Nowitzki — who's still awaiting word if he's getting a new teammate.

The Mavericks and Nets agreed to a deal that would have sent Kidd to Dallas. But Devean George exercised his right in the collective bargaining agreement to block the trade.

Bill HUGHES

Mysterio injured?

On Thursday, the WWE sent Rey Mysterio home from its overseas tour after he apparently tore his biceps in a match in Santiago, Chile.

Mysterio has already seen Dr. James Andrews, a noted surgeon, in Birmingham, Ala.

As of now, Mysterio is going to try and work through the pain to make it to "WrestleMania." Once he has the surgery, he will be out for up to six months.

Mysterio is booked to take on Edge for the world title Sunday night at "No Way Out" on PPV.

Mysterio wants to make it to Mania, as anyone in the business knows that your bonus for Mania is astronomical compared to the wrestlers' performance bonuses for other PPVs.

Besides the Edge/Mysterio match tomorrow night at "No Way Out," the other big matches include Randy Orton defending the WWE title against John Cena as well as two Elimination Chamber matches.

Triple H and Jeff Hardy are the favorites in the "Raw" match while the Undertaker and Batista are overwhelming favorites in the "Smackdown" version.

Ric Flair must defeat Ken Kennedy on the card or be forced to retire, and Chavo Guerrero will defend the ECW title against C.M. Punk.

Wrestling "wars" to return?

When word broke last week that WWE "Smackdown" was leaving the CW network, news began to travel rampantly as to where the show would end up.

The last episode on CW will be Sept. 12, and if the WWE gets its way, "Smackdown" may be headed back to Thursday nights.

It is well-known that the most watched night of TV is Thursday, and WWE may be looking to head back to its original night.

If it happens, we could be looking at the reincarnation of the Monday night wrestling wars with a slightly different twist.

Long-gone are the days of "Raw" vs. "Nitro," but if Smackdown returns to Thursdays it will be running up against "TNA Impact."

The question would then be whether the head-to-head competition would be better for WWE or TNA.

When WCW went head-to-head with WWF starting in 1995, WCW had stars who were already established. TNA mostly has only a handful of home-grown wrestlers and a lot of WWE released talents.

TNA diehards can say it has better in-ring performers on its roster than the WWE, but not one TNA signee has garnered higher ratings. Not Sting, not Christian Cage, not Kurt Angle, not Kevin Nash and not Booker T.

Two weeks ago, TNA had its highest rated episode of "Impact" with a 1.2 rating. Meanwhile, "ECW," by far the red-headed step-child of the three WWE shows, draws higher than that consistently.

How many of the people who tune in to TNA also watch "Raw" and "Smackdown?" Some of the viewers may like watching all of the shows and would have to now choose if Smackdown goes back to Thursdays.

Would the move create competition? Yes and no.

TNA is not competition for the WWE. But at the same time, if "Smackdown" loses viewers and TNA stays steady, maybe the WWE's creative team will look at ways to get out of its creative funk.

Samoa Joe signs TNA extension

Samoa Joe reportedly signed a two-year extension earlier this week that will keep him in TNA into 2010.

SPORTS

John Russell

Russell happy with Pirates' start

New manager likes what he sees on first day of spring training.

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — New Pittsburgh manager John Russell acknowledges that nothing the Pirates did on Friday's first day of spring training will change their fortunes — not by itself, anyway.

He expressed hope that it could mark the first step toward improving the team.

"I'm not saying I'm going to be this huge difference-maker, that this is going to be something where people go, 'Wow!'," Russell said. "I've always felt it makes a difference to create accountability and do things right. That's when you see real change."

To that end, Russell declared the three-hour workout "outstanding."

"It was exciting from the time everybody walked in until the finish," he said. "Guys were ready. They were attentive to what was going on and did their jobs the right way. It was crisp, and we got a lot done."

The bullpen sessions, fielding and batting practice and bunting drills featured considerable hands-on instruction for the 37 pitchers, six catchers and eight position players who reported early.

Position players aren't scheduled to work out for another week, but among those on hand were second baseman Freddy Sanchez — who recently signed an $11 million, two-year contract — infielder Brian Bixler, outfielders Chris Duffy, Nate McLouth and Nyjer Morgan and rookie third baseman Neil Walker.

No doubt McLouth and Morgan each didn't want the other to get an early jump. They are competing for what appears to be the lone unsettled starting job, in center field.

Duffy, last season's opening-day center fielder, is expected to begin the season in the minors after having a variety of injury problems last season that limited him to 70 games.

Russell confessed some emotion before taking the field in his first major-league managerial job after 13 years in professional baseball.

"Like I told the players this morning, every time I put on a uniform, it's a nice feeling," he said. "But this is probably the best feeling I've ever had putting a uniform on. Getting on the field with the coaches, the beautiful weather — it's an exciting time."

Pitchers who threw off the mound were Jonah Bayliss, Ronald Belisario, Sean Burnett, Elmer Dessens, Marino Salas, Ian Snell, and Mike Thompson. Burnett, a former first-round draft pick, was recently removed from the 40-man roster but is attending camp as a non-roster player.

Marquette pummels Pitt, 72-54

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Jerel McNeal scored 17 points and Ousmane Barrow scored 14 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead Marquette to a 72-54 win against No. 22 Pittsburgh on Friday night.

Marquette (18-6, 8-5 Big East) went on a 17-0 run early in the second half to take control and cruised to a victory.

Pittsburgh (19-6, 7-5) wasted the return of junior guard Levance Fields, who had missed a dozen games with a broken left foot. Fields played 20 minutes, scoring four points on 1-for-7 shooting.

Sam Young scored 18 points to lead Pitt.

McNeal scored a pair of baskets to open the decisive run, giving the Golden Eagles a 41-28 lead and forcing Pitt coach Jamie Dixon to call a timeout.

The break didn't help the Panthers. Marquette scored the next 13 points to take a 54-28 lead on another McNeal field goal with 12:53 to go.

Pittsburgh missed nine of its first 11 shots in the second half and had eight turnovers to one assist in the first nine minutes after halftime.

Marquette outrebounded Pittsburgh 13-4 and outscored the Panthers in the paint 16-2 to open the second half.

The Golden Eagles finished the first half on a 12-4 run, getting a pair of 3-pointers from David Cubillan in the final two minutes, to lead 33-23. Marquette led despite its leading scorer, Lazar Hayward, going scoreless in the half.

The teams took turns holding the lead in the early going. The Golden Eagles missed their first five 3-pointers, but Dan Fitzgerald hit one to give Marquette 19-16 lead with 9:48 left.

Fields returned after injuring his foot Dec. 29 against Dayton. He entered the game with 14 minutes left in the first half and struggled throughout.

He was called for an offensive foul on his first possession upcourt, but scored on his first shot, a breakaway layup with 12:33 left in the first half. He missed his final six shots.

Marquette, seeking additional help down low, decided to play 6-foot-7, 240-pound muscular freshman Trevor Mbakwe.

The team had said in November that Mbakwe would miss the season with a left knee injury, but he received medical clearance to play several weeks ago and made his college debut late in the first half.

Mbakwe, who averaged 21.7 points and 12.7 rebounds as a senior at St. Bernard's High School in St. Paul, Minn., played eight scoreless minutes.

California

(FROM PAGE ONE)

the careers of Valentino, VanOlst, Jeremy Shen, Nate Wright and Cody Joseph have ended.

Pergola had kind words for the outgoing group of seniors.

"I am going to miss Donte more than any player I have ever coached," Pergola said. "He is a true leader and it is going to be hard to find a point guard who can take control of things like him, and that includes in practice.

With Travis, where have his four years gone? It flew by. Jeremy, Nate, and Cody, they worked hard every day."

The feeling was mutual, especially from Valentino, who gave Pergola an emotional hug as the team left the locker room after the contest.

LEFTOVERS: Kennedy's twin sons, Jon (30 points) and Joe (13) combined for 43 points for Bentworth while Brandon Bular added 14 more ... VanOlst led California with 12 points while Roach (11) and Ben Carson (10) also hit double figures.

Rooney: Spygate didn't cost Steelers games

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The New England Patriots' taping of opposing coach's signals did not affect the outcome of games against the Steelers, including two AFC Championship games, Steelers chairman Dan Rooney said Friday.

"We consider the tapes of our coaching staff during our games against the New England Patriots to be a non-issue," Rooney said in a statement. "In our opinion, they had no impact on the results of those games."

Rooney's comments were fueled by remarks Thursday by U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who has questioned whether the NFL has properly handled allegations that Patriots coach Bill Belichick had assistants videotape opponents' signals.

NFL officials indicate the Patriots taped the Steelers' coaches during AFC Championship games at the end of the 2001 and 2004 seasons, and during regular season games in 2002 and 2004, Specter said. The Steelers lost all but the 2004 regular season game.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell fined Belichick $500,000 and the Patriots $250,000 and docked the team a first-round draft pick.

Specter has criticized Goodell for destroying the tapes after the league's internal investigation.

But Rooney said Goodell and the league took the "appropriate action" in punishing the Patriots.

"We are confident that the commissioner has taken appropriate action in his investigation of this matter, and will do so again if new information arises which requires further investigation and/or discipline," Rooney said.

SPORTS DIGEST

WPIAL standouts among Cal recruits

Eight WPIAL standouts are among California University football coach John Luckhardt's newest recruits.

They include tight end Tony Beacote, linebacker Shawn Patil and wide receiver Preston Robinson of McKeesport, defensive back Shawn Anderson of Penn Hills, fullback Levi Beatty of McGuffey, defensive lineman Chet Welc of Mt. Pleasant, lineman Eric Kush of Chartiers Valley and defensive back Eric Livsey of Gateway.

Other recruits include quarterback Zachary Grossi of Tampa, Fla., linebacker Brett Diamond and lineman Steven Landen of Chesterfield, Va., defensive lineman Gabriel Hernandez of Scottsdale, Az., lineman Jesse Jean of Martinsburg, W. Va., linebacker Steven Landen of Chesterfield, Va., defensive lineman Tom Mulabah of Sterling, Va., wide receiver Marcel Pestano of Lehigh Acres, Fla., running back Dwight Phillis of Cincinnati, Ohio, defensive lineman Kendall Vines of Lackey, Md, defensive lineman David Voss of Garfield Heights, Ohio, and lineman Dylan Webb of Scranton, Pa.

There were also 11 transfer players who enrolled in January including quarterbacks Kevin McCabe of Pine-Richland and Virginia and Will Brogan of Hawaii, wide receiver Tony Awrey of Saginaw State, defensive back Anthony Bailey of Maine.

wide receiver Chedrick Cherry of South Florida, wide receiver A.J. Jackson of Florida and a cousin of Pestano, wide receiver Ray Lankford of McKeesport and Boston College, running back Hosea Simpson of Toledo, linebacker Greg Webster of Woodland Hills and Pitt, tight end Blake Williamson of Chartiers-Houston and defensive back Tony Whiteleather of Rochester.

California home with Lock Haven

California University's basketball teams are home today for a PSAC West doubleheader with Lock Haven.

The Cal women (17-5, 4-3) will be trying to snap a three-game losing streak at 3 p.m. against Lock Haven (7-15, 2-6) with the front-running Cal men (17-4, 7-0) eyeing their ninth straight win against the Bald Eagles (2-20, 2-6) at 5 p.m.

The Cal men are ranked third in the Eastern Region rankings behind Mt. Olive and West Liberty State.

The Cal women are second in the East Region to Indiana.

Beech out with broken wrist

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh Penguins center Kris Beech will be out indefinitely with a broken right wrist and was placed on the injured reserve list Friday.

With Beech out, the Penguins recalled forwards Connor James and Chris Minard from Wilkes-Barre/Scranton of the American Hockey League. Defenseman Alex Goligoski was returned to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton.

Beech, who played only four games after returning to the Penguins last month, was injured while being checked into the boards by Carolina defenseman Glen Wesley on Thursday night.

Beech, who initially joined the Penguins in the 2001 trade that sent former NHL scoring champion Jaromir Jagr to Washington, has been with four National Hockey League organizations this season.

Trivia answer

Wilt Chamberlain with 42 in 1962.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Two Monessen High athletes — basketball player Wally Malinchalk and gridder Mark Zupan — transferred to California State College from Georgia Southern and Tulsa, respectively.

Former Belle Vernon Area High standout Gary Cramer was named the football coach at Brentwood.

Belle Vernon Area's Ron Haten had 18 points and 10 rebounds in Slippery Rock's 66-55 win over California State College.

Muhammad Ali, 36, lost his heavyweight championship to 24-year-old upstart Leon Spinks on a split decision in Las Vegas.

20 Years Ago

Monessen was an 89-75 winner at Duquesne behind Jimbo Malinchak's 23 points.

Craig Taylor's 18 points were high in Ringgold's 74-72 home overtime loss to Laurel Highlands.

Steve Kovatch poured in 29 points in Belle Vernon Area's 102-72 loss to West Mifflin.

Rick DeLattre had 21 points in Mon Valley Catholic's 67-52 win over Frazier.

10 Years Ago

Matt Eisley had 24 points and blocked seven shots in a 53-40 playoff win at Ringgold despite playing with a sore tooth after taking an elbow in the mouth midway in the first quarter.

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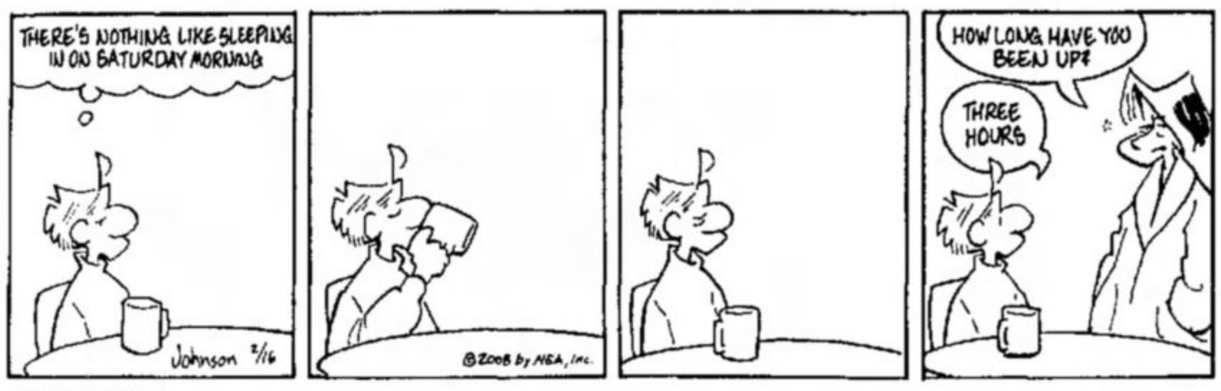

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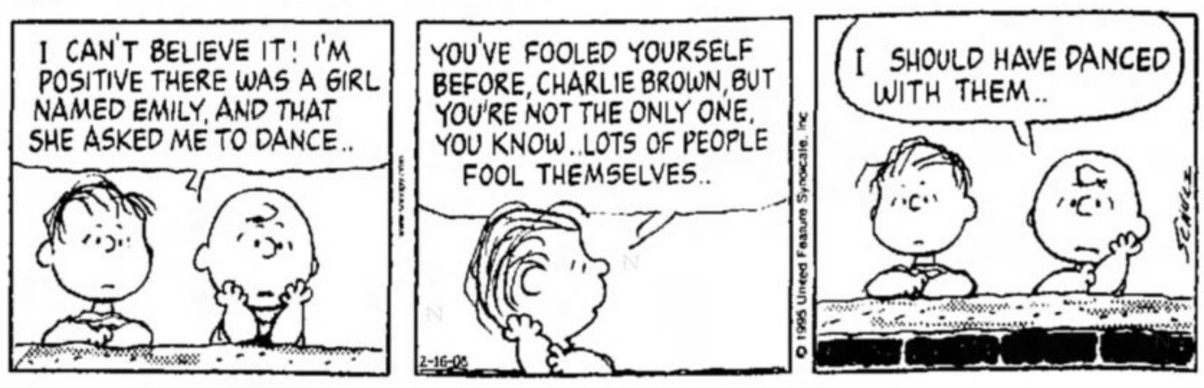

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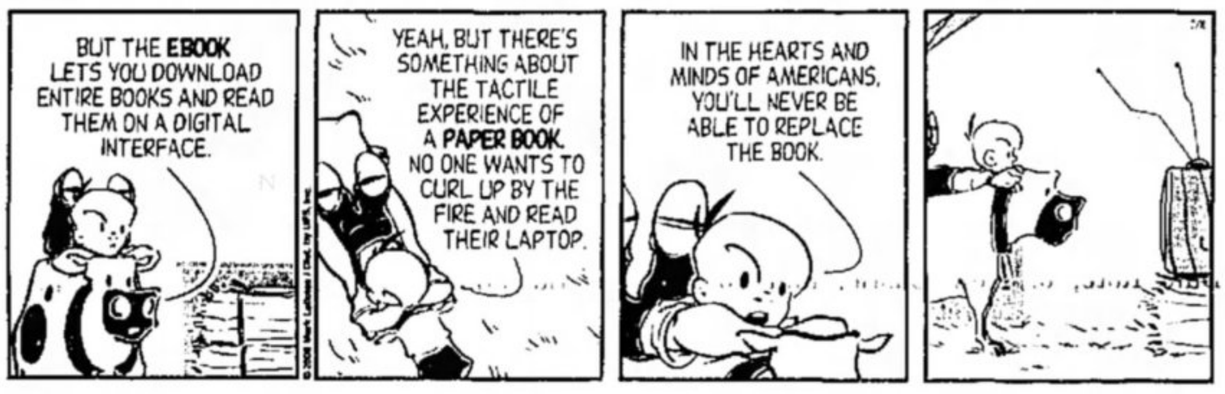

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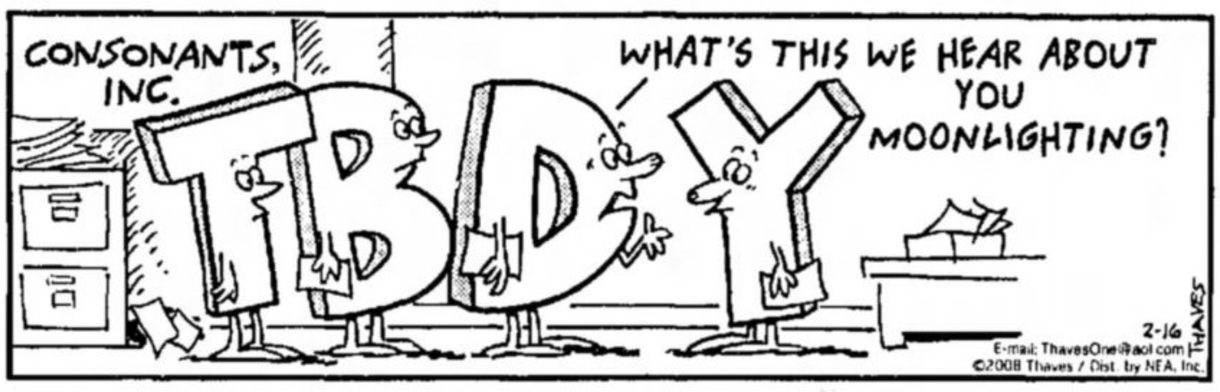

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1 Quid — quo
4 Collide with
7 Sudden impact
11 Give alms
12 Hill's opposite
13 "Orinoco Flow" singer
14 Brief stay
16 Paddy crop
17 Calm
18 Glare protector
20 — -Margret
21 Capp's hyena
22 Watered silk
25 Curds companion
27 Night hunter
28 Challenge
30 Hurl forth
34 "Diana" singer
36 Floor model
38 Nay opposite
39 Welcome benefit
41 Played charades
43 Tail end
45 Chick's mother
46 Parcel out
48 Breakfast nook
52 Proof word
53 Not defeated
55 Bridle part
56 Night crawler
57 "— -Pan"
58 Type of eagle
59 Two-BR unit
60 Primeval

DOWN

1 Mountain route
2 Observance
3 Hound's trail
4 Lustrous black
5 Malt beverage
6 Game show name
7 Dairy cattle
8 Hamburger
9 Spandex fiber
10 — kwon do
12 Wore
15 Mellow fruit
19 Percent ending
22 Kiwi's extinct cousin
23 Possess
24 Sort
25 Songbird
26 Do a sewing chore
29 Hubbub
31 Ms. Shriver
32 Hurricane center
33 Single no more
35 Shellfish
37 Diner favorite
40 Sierra Madre gold
42 Cuzco founder
43 More uncommon
44 Illinois town
45 Usual practice
47 Brass instrument
49 Kruger or Preminger
50 Tender meat
51 Writer — Bagnold
52 Before, to a poet
54 Short snooze

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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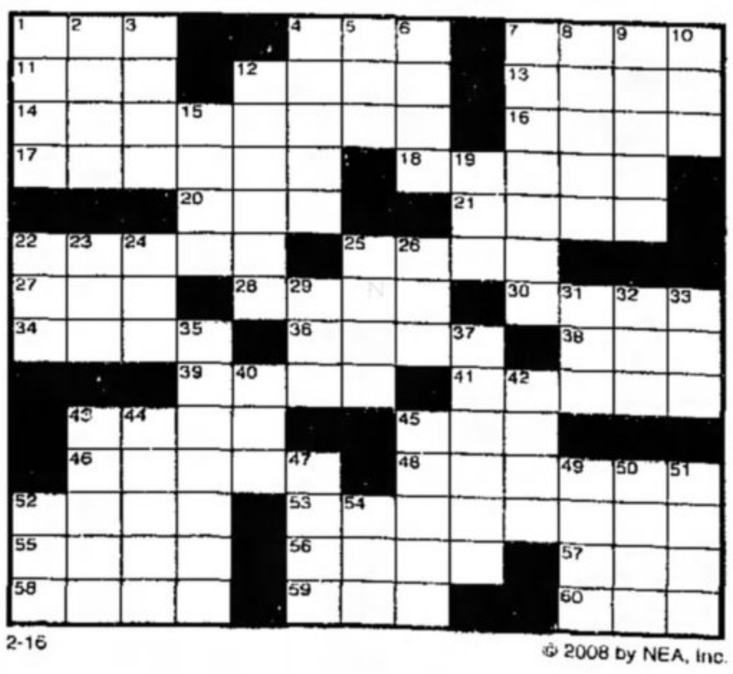

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FEATURES

CALENDAR WATCH

Sunday

■ Monessen Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary meeting, Fireman's Club, 4 p.m.

■ St. John Altar Society of Perryopolis meeting, social center, following 8:30 a.m. Mass.

■ Pancake breakfast, Victory Hill Civic and Social Association, Carroll Township, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ Pancakes and sausage breakfast, Belle Vernon Volunteer Fire Department, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Greek Catholic Union Lodge 76 meeting, St. Michael Church Hall, Donora, 1:30 p.m.

■ Spaghetti dinner, Brownsville Sons of Italy, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday

■ Lipid/glucose screening, Healthy Directions, Finleyville, 7 a.m. to noon.

■ Breastfeeding Support Group meeting, Mon-Vale HealthPLEX, Rostraver Township, 6:30 p.m.

■ German Club patriotic program, Center in the Woods, California, 11:15 a.m.

■ Newell Municipal Authority meeting, borough building, 6:30 p.m.

■ S.O.A.R. meeting, M.A.R.S. building, Monessen, 1 p.m.

■ Belle Vernon Area School Board meetings, District Administration Office, agenda, 7 p.m., regular meeting, 8 p.m.

■ Overeaters Anonymous meeting, Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Rostraver Township, 10:30 a.m.

■ New Beginnings Gastric Bypass Surgery Support Group meeting, Bentleyville Best Western, 7 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Pike Run 4-H to meet Tuesday

The Pike Run 4-H meeting, which was canceled Feb. 12, has been rescheduled to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Grace United Methodist Church. Hoagie slips will be passed out.

Tri County Boroughs Association to meet

The February 2008 meeting of the Tri County Boroughs Association will take place 7 p.m. Thursday at the American Legion Club, West Pike Street (behind Dollar General Store) Houston. William R. McGowen, executive director of the Redevelopment Authority of Washington County, will be the guest speaker.

Bereavement support group plans meeting

The Take my Hand Bereavement Support Group of Albert Gallatin Home Care and Hospice will meet 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the activity room of the Monongahela Library, 813 West Main St, Monongahela. For information call Maureen Lusk at (724) 258-8855.

Open house set at ambulance service

An open house to assist with ambulance subscriptions for 2008 will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday at the Rostraver/West Newton Ambulance Service (CAS base).

ENGAGEMENTS

McCormick-Imbrogno

Dale Rote, of New Castle, and Joseph and Lucinda Imbrogno, of Fayette City, have announced the engagement of their children, Candy McCormick and Greg Imbrogno.

Both are graduates of Geneva College in Beaver Falls.

McCormick is a graduate of Laurel High School in New Castle and is employed as a kindergarten teacher at Mohawk Elementary School in Bessemer.

Imbrogno, a graduate of Geibel Catholic High School in Connellsville, received his master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh. He is employed by Westinghouse Electric Company in Monroeville as a mechanical engineer.

The couple is planning a July 19, 2008, wedding in First Alliance Church, New Castle, followed by a reception at Betsy's Barn in New Castle.

Greg Imbrogno & Candy McCormick

Doman-Lucchino

Alan and Carol Doman, of Bentleyville, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Amanda, to Steve Lucchino, son of Robert Lucchino, of Laflin, and the late Marilyn Lucchino.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Clarita Billick and Lee Doman, both of Monessen. She is a 2000 graduate of Bentworth High School, a 2004 graduate of St. Vincent College and a 2007 graduate of Duquesne University with a master's degree in environmental management. She is employed as an environmental consultant with ARCADIS Inc., Pittsburgh.

The prospective groom is a 1999 graduate of James M. Coughlin High School and a 2004 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, main campus, with a bachelor of science degree in computer engineering. He is employed by Bombardier Transportation, West Mifflin, as a TTS engineer.

The couple is planning a May 2009 wedding.

Steve Lucchino & Amanda Doman

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: W equals L

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Frugal Living

Baked potatoes: Foiled again!

Sara **NOEL**

DEAR SARA: I can't believe I'm about to ask this question, but how do you bake potatoes? My mom used to make them, no foil or anything like that. Just poked some holes and popped them in. Quick, easy, no fuss, no muss. — **Amy B., via forums**

DEAR AMY: I don't use foil on my baked potatoes. Using foil causes a potato to steam and taste somewhat boiled versus baked. I simply wash and scrub a russet potato, pat dry, poke holes into it with a fork, oil the skin and season with kosher salt. I bake it in the oven on a baking sheet for an hour at 400 F. Once baked, I slit the center, squeeze the ends and it pops open. If you're used to wrapping them with foil, you'll notice a difference in the potato's texture. No foil and you'll have crispy skin and a fluffy potato.

DEAR SARA: How do you figure out the price per ounce (or other unit)? In other words, the math equation needed to figure it out. We need to use it, and we need to teach our kids about it, but no one can explain it. I use to know, but now I can't remember. Help! — **Kim, Oklahoma**

DEAR KIM: An example: Rice is sold in different sizes. Let's say the 14-ounce box is $2.60, a 20-ounce box is $3.50 and 2-pound (32-ounce) box is $5. The unit price is the price per ounce. To figure the unit price, divide the price by the number of units. So you have $2.60/14, $3.50/20 and $5.00/32 (ounces). Now simply compare the unit price per package and see which costs less. You'll be surprised how often the larger package isn't always the best buy per unit.

DEAR SARA: I am making an apple dessert in my slow cooker.The directions say 1-1/2 to 2 hours on high. Any idea how many hours if I cooked on low? — **Debbie, via e-mail**

DEAR DEBBIE: The high temperature is about half the amount of cooking time as it is on low. For your dessert, you would cook it for three to four hours on low. Keep in mind when using your slow cooker that some foods don't cook well on low. Macaroni and rice, for example, are best cooked on high so they don't get mushy.

DEAR SARA: I was wondering what to do with gift cards that I don't want. We received a lot of gift cards for Christmas, and there are two that I don't really want. One is for pizza, and we never eat there, and the other is a store that goes against my principles. — **Sarah U., Massachusetts**

DEAR SARAH: These were given to you as gifts, and you're free to do what you want with them. You're not stuck with them. You can swap or sell them online at places such as Swap a Gift (www.swapagift.com) and Certificate Swap (www.certificateswap.com). Although these Web sites charge a small fee, keeping cards for an extended period of time increases the chance they'll go unredeemed. You shouldn't feel guilty, but if you can't bring yourself to trade them, consider donating them.

Sara Noel is the owner of Frugal Village (www.frugalvillage.com), a Web site that offers practical, money-saving strategies for everyday living. To send tips, comments or questions, write to Sara Noel, c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10016, or e-mail sara@frugalvillage.com.

Cal Area plans kindergarten registration

The California Area School District announces kindergarten registration for 2008-2009 students. Registration for an eligible child will be held March 5 and 6 at California Area Elementary School. To be eligible, children must be a resident of the school district and be five years of age on or before Aug. 31.

Registration packets are available in the school office. On the day of registration, the child to be registered must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who will be required to present, photo identification, proof of the child's birth, and the child's immunization record. Also, in accordance with school district policy, three proofs of residency must be presented. Times for registering are based on the first letter of the child's last name: A-F, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., March 5; G-M, 1 to 3 p.m., March 5; N-S, 1 to 3 p.m., March 6 and T-Z, 1 to 3 p.m. March 6.

For any questions, contact California Area Elementary School at (724) 785-5800.

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• After the deadline, all votes will be tallied to determine the top vote getters.
• Votes are not cumulative and will start over during Round 2.
• The top 50 vote getters will be featured in our Second Round of voting appearing on Tuesday, March 4. Voting will then continue until Friday, March 14 at 4:30 pm.
• The top 25 vote getters will be featured in our Third Round of voting appearing on Tuesday, March 18 and will then continue until Friday, March 28 at 4:30 pm. This voting round will determine the winners.
• The top 3 photos receiving the most votes will appear in the newspaper on April 8, 2008. First place is $250.00, Second place is $100.00 and Third place is $50.00.
• All proceeds from the Pet Superstar Contest benefit the Valley Independent Newspaper in Education program.
*25 cent voting fee consists of a voluntary 20 cent donation. If you wish to not donate, you may vote for 5 cents per vote. Votes will be tallied at the end of each voting round based on 5 cents per vote.

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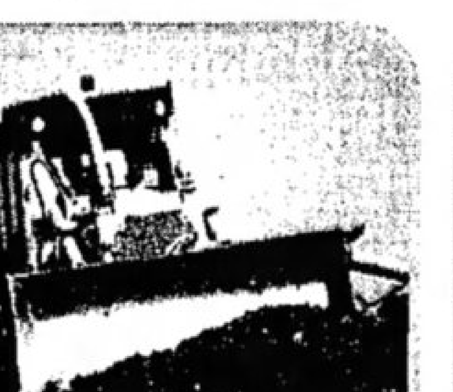

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Ceramic Pipe Liner
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1040/MEDICAL

Expanding Medical Facility In The Mon Valley Area Looking For Experienced:

MEDICAL ASSISTANT/LPN: *Must be able to handle both front/back office duties. Must have knowledge and skills related to phlebotomy.*

FRONT DESK STAFF: *Candidate must have excellent communication skills, attention to detail and ability to work in a team environment. Medical terminology a plus.*

Offer competitive salary and excellent benefits including 401K, health insurance, vacation and personal days. EOE.

Email resume to: medicalmanager@comcast.net
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Eastgate 19, Monessen, PA 15062

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TRANSCRIPTIONIST: *Full/part-time. Knowledge of radiology terminology is preferred but not required. Should have strong customer service, communication & interpersonal skills. Must be detail oriented & have ability to multi-task in a fast-paced, deadline driven environment.*

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Formal and informal experience preferred. Valid drivers license and proof of motor vehicle insurance required. Serious inquiries only. Please call 1-877-417-9050 Tuesday-Friday EOE

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SALES Associates PT & FT. Competitive wage, sales incentives avail. Customer service/retail exp. preferred. Apply in person: Cal Cuthbert Fools 733 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon, PA

SECRETARY- Canonsburg Business casual dress $9/hr to start. Secretarial construction background a plus. Call Employee Options 724-222-3218

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1025/DRIVERS

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Manager-Respiratory Therapy
Respiratory care practitioner with experience in clinical and administrative functions. Will manage cardio-pulmonary dept. and Sleep Lab

Mental Health: RN-Social Worker
For inpatient care setting. Requires related experience or a sincere interest in developing clinical skills in behavioral health

Nurse Practitioner
CRNP with mental health and/or research experience. Must be independent worker and detail oriented

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For hospital-based inpatient & outpatient svcs

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Director of Nutritional Services
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Bill at 412-523-2306

1120/SITUATIONS

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WILL BABYSIT in home. Call 724-483-4762

2010/ESTATE NOTICES

Cicco, Rose F.
ESTATE NOTICE

Letters of testamentary on the estate of ROSE CICCO aka ROSE F. CICCO, late of Belle Vernon, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, deceased, having been granted by the Register of Wills of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them without delay to:

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Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

SUNDAY, FEB. 17, 2008

AQUARIUS
January 20 through February 18

Partnership arrangements will produce several unique benefits for you in the year ahead. They won't necessarily be of long duration, but each will serve to add to the other and collectively produce financial gain.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Things you've worked hard and long on will suddenly begin paying off for you. It might involve something that had never before produced any earnings that has finally come together.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Be as pleasant as possible with everybody you meet for the first time, because a chance social encounter could develop into something that will have far reaching effects for you in a very personal way.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Your home could end up being the favorite meeting place for all your friends to congregate, so don't be surprised by a lot of drop-ins. One might even be someone you haven't seen for quite some time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- More than even you realize, you need to break away from your customary routine and do something different to refurbish your outlook. This is an excellent time to cultivate a fresh interest.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Matters that relate to your financial wherewithal will surprisingly work out far more favorable for you than you could anticipate. You'll be in the right place at the right time to make things happen.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- A better way of doing something that you do all the time will suddenly occur to you. The answer will be as much of a surprise as it is simple and obvious. Don't be afraid to test it out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Flashes of insight you get pertaining to your financial affairs or commercial dealings could save you a lot of money quickly. Pay heed to your hunches because they will prove to be valid and helpful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Do that which your kinder nature dictates, without being asked, when it comes to your dealings with those who you meet on a one-on-one basis. What comes of this simple gesture will surprise you greatly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Don't hesitate to push yourself a bit harder than your adversary, because with the smallest amount of extra effort you can fare well ahead in any competitive involvement. Give it a try.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- You don't have to take a wild gamble in order to gain, but if there is something you have analyzed thoroughly and feel you know well, a small calculated risk could work out for you better than you thought.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Immediately take advantage of anything unusual that comes your way through a shared endeavor, because what occurs today might not exist tomorrow. Time will not be your ally.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Snap judgments are apt to work out far better than many of your well thought out figuring. In fact, if you have too much time to think about something, you could talk yourself out of a good thing.

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ELECTRICIAN
The Washington County Maintenance Department is seeking to hire an Electrician to plan, install, maintain, service, repair and replace all electrical services and equipment. This includes panels, sub panels, lighting, power, HVAC, emergency and security systems and all related equipment. A high school diploma and trade school or the equivalent is required, as is significant experience and electrical certification. Must have experience with HVAC control and pneumatic systems, refrigeration repair and have knowledge of the National Electrical Code. In addition, Microsoft Outlook and additional computer skills are necessary. Must be able to operate power hand tools properly and possess a valid driver's license.

Submit application and resume including salary history and salary requirements. Applications are available in the Washington County Human Resources Department or online at www.co.washington.pa.us and must be submitted by Friday, February 29, 2008 to:

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Human Resources Dept.
100 West Beau Street
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Washington, PA 15301

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An Associate's Degree in Computer Science or Computer Information Systems is preferred. As a minimum, the candidate should have a certificate from a computer training school specializing in network administration. Computer related work experience is required, as well as, knowledge of personal computers, network servers and network operating systems. Knowledge of the Internet and web technology is desirable.

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Heavy Equipment Operator
Entry level, to operate hi-lift (loader) for Mon Valley facility. Forklift exp. Mon.-Fri. 4pm-2am $10/hr & O/T available EOE
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M-F 9am-4pm
1-800-485-6502

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MECHANICAL DESIGNER
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MH/MR Support Staff
Laurel Highlands Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization that supports persons with MH/MR developmental disabilities, is currently seeking part-time and full-time support staff to work in our community homes in the West Newton, Turkeytown Rd., New Stanton, and Elizabeth areas. No experience is necessary. Paid training. Must be at least 18 years of age and have valid PA driver's license. Starting rate is $8.63/hour with benefits after 90 days, increase to $8.86/hr after 6 months. EOE. Call ONLY Mon-Fri 9-3pm 412-825-9141

1010/ACCOUNTING/FINANCE

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